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Members of a protest group called the Radical Handmaids show off knitted uteruses and vulvas at a rally on Parliament Hill on Wednesday. The group plans to mail the "woolly womb" to MPs who vote in favour of Stephen Woodworth's motion to study when human life begins. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

Nothing closed about abortion debate: Tory MP

The Handmaid's Tale.

Protesters say giving fetuses rights will take away rights from women

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A motion to be debated in the House of Commons Thursday will help close the "abortion question" in this country, according to its author — a pro-life Conservative MP.

The motion from Kitchener Centre MP Stephen Woodworth aims to form a committee to review the section of the Criminal Code of Canada that says a child becomes a human being at birth.

"I think when you have a law that says some human beings are not human beings it's a big problem for our

whole system of justice," he said.

The motion does not propose changes to Canadian abortion law, but Woodworth said it will let Canadians have honest discussion about the "abortion question."

"If we reach a conclusion on when a child becomes a human being, then all of the other issues that are so complicated about abortion can be discussed with that honest conclusion as a bedrock foundation," he said.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has repeatedly said the abortion debate will not be reopened — but according to Woodworth it is already open because the courts have found it is up to the legislators to have the final say.

"If anything, I'm trying to bring it to a conclusion," he said. "I'm trying to reconcile people on it. I'm trying to get them to think about it in a

way that respects principle and evidence, and shines a light on it, rather than draws a cloak of darkness over it."

About 60 women protested the motion on Parliament Hill Wednesday — many dressed as characters from Margaret Atwood's dystopian novel *The Handmaid's Tale*, in which high rates of infertility prompt a theocratic society to force some women to give birth for wealthy infertile women.

Protest organizer Julie Lalonde said in the U.S. some women have been imprisoned or had their lives put at risk because of state "personhood" laws.

"It speaks to a larger agenda of viewing women as not having their own bodily autonomy," she said.



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Rwandan genocide trial comes to Ottawa Monday

Court. Testimony to begin May 28 in trial expected to last six months

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A Rwandan genocide trial begins in Ottawa on Monday as lawyers begin selecting jurors to do a long and difficult job.

Jacques Mungarere was arrested in Windsor in 2009 and charged with genocide and crimes against humanity. He is accused of involvement in massacres and rape, according to information made public in the preliminary hearing.

His lawyer Christian Deslauriers said the selection process will narrow a pool of about 1,000 to a bilingual jury of 12 plus two alternate jurors who will spend approximately six months on the trial.

Evidence will be in English, French and some translated from Kinyarwanda, he said. Some testimony will be via video-link from Rwanda.

The defense will highlight contradictions between witnesses — some of whom have testified in other genocide trials, he said.

Analysis

Survivors to follow trial closely

Alain Ntwali, president of Humura (the Canadian Association of Rwandan Genocide Survivors), said the trial will be hard on the jurors and the public.

"What happened in Rwanda was really horrible. Humanity never saw that before," said Ntwali. He was 10 in 1994 when he saw his parents killed. "Here in Canada, people can never imagine what happened."

But Ntwali said he believes the jury will comprehend the atrocities and come to the right decision.

Rwandan communities in Canada will be following the trial closely — especially since it is starting at the end of April, when the genocide is commemorated, he said.

Ntwali said he doesn't know if Mungarere is guilty, but appreciates the Canadian government's action. **JESSICA SMITH/METRO**



Indulge in Game 7 fever at Scotiabank Place

Trying to find a place to watch the Senators play the Rangers while surrounded by 20,000 of your closest friends? Well grab your foam fingers, white towels and a food-bank donation and look no more. The Sens announced Wednesday Scotiabank Place will open its doors to fans on Thursday, April 26 at 6 p.m. so they can watch CBC's Hockey Night in Canada high-definition broadcast of Game 7 of the Eastern Conference quarter-final between the Senators and the New York Rangers. The Sens say their Bell HD screen — "with 2,170 square feet of viewing space — will be lowered to enhance sightlines for fans and to better the game experience." Parking and admission will be free, but the hockey club is asking for fans to bring something to donate to the Ottawa Food Bank. **JESSICA SMITH/METRO**

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On the web

He be jammin'

Barack Obama hit the late-night TV circuit (to mixed reviews). Watch Obama slow-jam a stump speech with Jimmy Fallon at [metronews.ca](#)

Screeners cashing in?

U.S. Transportation Security Administration screeners accused of taking bribes to allow drugs through Los Angeles' airport have been charged in a corruption probe. A 22-count indictment unsealed Wednesday outlined five incidents in which the employees allegedly took up to \$2,400 to provide drug couriers unfettered access at LAX. Full story at [metronews.ca](#)

Mobile news



A mob of 30 women got into a bloody street fight in California after a wife discovered her husband was cheating on her with another woman, who was posting comments about the romance on Facebook. Scan the code for the story.

Key evidence against accused terrorist tossed out



Mohamed Harkat JESSICA SMITH/METRO

The Federal Court of Appeal threw out key parts of the case against accused terrorist Mohamed Harkat but ruled Monday the security certificate law he is charged under is constitutional.

"It's a great day for Mo today, but it leaves outstanding the issue of the constitutionality of the entire process," said one of Harkat's lawyers, Norm

Boxall.

Harkat, who lives in Ottawa with his wife Sophie, was charged 10 years ago under the security-certificate system and accused of having ties to the Bin Laden terrorism network. The security-certificate system allows the government to deport people who do not have citizenship and do so based on evidence that is partially con-

cealed from the deportees.

Harkat, an Algerian refugee who denies the charges, appeared overjoyed at the decision because it could prevent his deportation to his home country, where he believes he would be tortured. "Today, I can lead my life," he said. "This gives me hope to clear my name and survive another day."

The Court of Appeal ruled

summaries of recordings of his conversations, which were destroyed by CSIS in error, should have been inadmissible.

"We were faced with a case where really just the remnants and tatters of these conversations were led as evidence against Mohamed," said another of Harkat's lawyers, Matt Webber.

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End of Katimavik hits Ottawa hard

The fallout. Eleven community groups may be left in limbo after federal budget axes treasured volunteer youth group



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When the federal budget was announced at the end of March, 18-year-old Canterbury High School student Silvana Botros' plans for the next six months fell apart.

Katimavik, the Canadian volunteer youth group, was axed.

"It pulled the rug out from under a lot of people's feet," said Botros, who was scheduled to go north with Katimavik.

"We were supposed to find out about our work placements April 11 and a lot of volunteers had already made arrangements," she said.

Botros was hoping the program, which sees 600 volunteers placed in 54 Canadian communities annually, would help her decide on a career after she graduates in June.

"I wasn't sure what I wanted to study," she said.

"So I thought it would help me decide what I was going to do with the rest of my life."

In Ottawa, the development is far-reaching.

The end of the program will see 11 community groups at a loss to continue programming.

"It's totally devastating for us that we're losing them,"



The end of Katimavik after 35 years was a shock to Canterbury student Silvana Botros. She was set to go north with the program in July. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

Hope lingers

"I've got my fingers crossed, hoping that someone will save the program at the last minute."

Jon Rausseo,
University of Ottawa campus
sustainability manager

said Jon Rausseo, University of Ottawa campus sustainability manager.

For the past five years, Katimavik volunteers have come into his office and run social-outreach programs, Rausseo said.

"They collect clothes from the community to go to battered women's shelters, tend our community garden and help clean up Sandy Hill when all the students move out."

"They're not just volunteers working two to three hours here or there, but someone stable for eight

hours a day, five days a week," he added.

Yet Rausseo isn't only worried about his own programs.

"Katimavik has people working in places like old-age homes and youth centres across the country," he said, noting that the volunteers also gain valuable work experience.

"You get these great references that say not that they were working at McDonalds but that they were running a program at a youth hostel."

End of an era?



HOW A CREDIT CARD CAN HELP NEWLYWEDS FURNISH THEIR FIRST HOME

NEWLYWEDS



Ali and Fatima, both 29, are newlyweds living in Ottawa. In the fall, they used their wedding gift money to put a substantial

down payment on a bungalow in the Elmvale Acres area of the city. The house has a small yard, an unfinished basement and "tons of potential," says Ali, who intends to finish it himself.

The couple is in good financial shape. Ali has a government job downtown while Fatima works for an association. Their combined annual income is \$80,000.

They have a budget they can live with and their debt is manageable — along with the mortgage, Ali's student loan will be paid off in five years and their

car is leased. What also helps is they receive financial help periodically from Ali's parents who live nearby.

Ali and Fatima are having fun furnishing their house, and they have an eye on the future too — children, a bigger house and "definitely, annual vacations south," says Fatima.

The couple has a *Scotia Momentum®* VISA* cash back credit card, which they use for as many of their monthly purchases as possible. In fact, they just bought a new big screen TV and put the purchase on their card, earning them some valuable cash back.

The card gives Ali and Fatima 2 per cent cash back on everyday spending such as gas, groceries, drugstore items, and recurring bill payments, and 1 per cent cash back on all other eligible purchases. The cash back lump sum is automatically deposited into their savings account every November. While the *Scotia Momentum®* VISA card has a nominal annual fee of \$39, its cash back earnings is more than worth it, says Fatima.

Their card has a \$5,000 credit limit, and they try to pay off the balance every month because they like to have the credit available "just in case," says Ali. Their card also comes with tons of other features and benefits, such as Purchase Security and Extended Warranty Protection, that give the couple peace of mind when paying by credit card.

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Ali and Fatima's profile:

Ali and Fatima use their *Scotia Momentum®* VISA* card to pay for about \$1,200 worth of purchases a month. Some fixed costs, such as their property taxes, are not payable by credit card and therefore not included in these calculations.

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The mayor and his supporters want to do some preliminary work on Lansdowne Park before a decision on a court challenge to the city's handling of the project. SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO

City wants to get going on Lansdowne Park before court decision

Redevelopment. City report urges moving ahead with excavating contaminated soil, relocating Horticulture Building

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It's time to get preliminary work done on Lansdowne Park, Mayor Jim Watson said on Wednesday, as he defended a letter city lawyers

Sexual assault

Woman attacked near Somerset

Ottawa police are investigating another attack-from-behind sexual assault, but the description of the assailant is different from six recent incidents.

Police say at 2:20 a.m. on Wednesday, a woman, 20, was walking near Somerset Street West and Booth Street when she was grabbed from behind, forced to the ground and inappropriately touched.

The woman fought back and the suspect fled north toward Somerset. The suspect is described as a dark-skinned man, about five-foot-nine, with a goatee. Police say he was wearing a dark puffy jacket and a baseball cap.

GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

sent to the Ontario Court of Appeal asking when a decision would be issued on the Friends of Lansdowne's attempt to stop the redevelopment of the political process.

"We're not putting pressure on the court," Watson said of the letter, sent last month. "We're simply asking when we might receive a ruling."

Ian Lee of Friends of Lansdowne called the letter "unheard of."

"They can say they were just asking for a decision," he said, "but what they're really doing between the lines is saying, 'Will you

hurry up and get the lead out?' And that's something that I just didn't think was appropriate. We've set up the courts to be independent of the political process.

"It's unseemly," he added, "to move ahead with work on Lansdowne before the court has ruled."

But Watson disagreed. "We're completely within our legal right, our political right, to move forward on this, and I think it's the right thing to do," he said. "Councils for decades have been dithering on (this piece of land). Let's get on with it."

High-speed rail. Councillor vexed by plan to zoom trains through Barrhaven

Barrhaven Coun. Jan Harder wants more consultation from VIA Rail before a new express train between Ottawa and Toronto starts running through her ward at up to 160 kilometres per hour.

"I expect the VIA staff to sit down and talk to our staff," Harder said Wednesday.

"Their goal is to be able to deliver a trip from downtown Ottawa to downtown Toronto in less than four hours, even if it's a minute less. I get that. That's about marketing and that sounds fine."

"But I need to know, by increasing the speed to

100 miles an hour through Barrhaven, what does that save them?"

VIA spokesman Malcolm Andrews said the faster express trains will result in higher speeds only at the Woodroffe, Fallowfield and Greenbank rail crossings, and upgraded signal systems will provide the standard half-minute warning of a train's approach.

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You've heard of speed dating? Speed chess? How about speed business?

Entrepreneurs from Ottawa's tech sector will race to see who can create the best web or mobile-based business in under 52 hours this Friday.

"There are loads of people who are highly talented in our city," said Startup Weekend organizer Cheryl Draper, "but not a lot of opportunity for those folks to come together and collaborate. I thought it was important to create more resources in the city."



Startup Weekend organizer Cheryl Draper GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

A startup founder herself, Draper said she got the idea from similar events in other cities and her own quest to seek out similarly minded Ottawa entrepreneurs to bounce ideas off of.

Competitors will have a chance to pitch their web-based app ideas in 60-second spurts when the contest starts Friday night. Teams will form around the best ones.

"We're super-excited about hosting this event. Startups are very close to our heart," said Harley Finkelstein of leading-edge web company Shopify, adding that the event will take place in the company's new lounge at 126 York St.

It's very likely that new Ottawa businesses will come out of the competition, said Draper. "Gauging on feedback from similar events in other cities, 30 per cent will continue on afterward."

The top three will walk away with prizes from contest sponsors to help them as they start up their new business, such as premium versions of software, business services and training.



Oh, where can Cindy Lou Who be?

Not-for-profit dog-rescue organization Hopeful Hearts Rescue is desperate to find the female rat terrier pictured above. The dog, named Cindy Lou Who, was rescued from the Paws R' Us puppy mill last year. After months of rehabilitation, the dog has managed to get away from her foster home, according to the Hopeful Hearts volunteer Dayna Rose. Cindy Lou was last spotted on Bellman Drive in the west end of the city. In Arlington Village, the Greenbank area and at the Bruce Pit dog park. Rose says the dog is very skittish and rather than approaching the animal, anyone who sees Cindy Lou should call 613-858-7071. CONTRIBUTED BY DAYNA ROSE



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Canadian Korean War veterans pay their respects Tuesday during a ceremony in Busan, South Korea.
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Canadian's ashes sent to Korea for burial

Reunited in death.

Two Canadian brothers fought in Korean War

Back in a country most of them saw for the first time more than half a century ago, about 50 Canadian veterans of the Korean War braved driving rains Wednesday to finally reunite a pair of brothers long since divided by the conflict.

Archibald Hearsey, born in Ignace, Ont., in 1929, had requested in his will that his ashes be returned to Busan, South Korea, and buried next

Korean War remembered
"They're gone and I'm still here. I'm lucky."

Veteran George Hamilton. After the burial ceremony, many Canadian vets walked among the graves in Busan, South Korea, where 378 Canadians are buried.

to his older brother Joseph, who died in battle in 1951.

Their remarkable story is one of the Korean War's most powerful tales.

Hearsey died in June 2011. Wednesday's ceremony marked the first time a war veteran's remains were brought back to be buried on

South Korean soil.

"They were two small-town boys that were separated by war," said Archibald's daughter, Debbie Kakagamic, who travelled to Korea with her son Solomon to attend the burial ceremony and visit her uncle's grave.

Now they're together again."

Joseph Hearsey was one of 516 Canadian soldiers who died during the Korean War, which lasted from June 1950 to July 1953.

Canada was one of 16 foreign countries that sent troops, and 26,791 Canadian soldiers fought.

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Quebec tuition hikes

Talks between government, students go bust

For three days, there was a faint sign that Quebec's student unrest might find a peaceful resolution. But any such hope was dashed Wednesday as talks broke off between the province and Quebec's student groups.

Their three-day attempt at negotiation was a long shot, with the government refusing to back down on tuition hikes and students demanding just that. Demonstrations have started again in Montreal.

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Prince George, B.C. Second victim identified in deadly sawmill blast

A 46-year-old mill worker has been identified as the second victim of the blast that levelled the Lakeland sawmill in Prince George, B.C., on Monday night.

The coroner's service has confirmed that Prince George resident Glenn Francis Roche died in Edmonton, just hours after being transferred there for treatment of critical burns.

Shift supervisor Alan Little, 43, died Tuesday morning in Prince George, B.C.

The men were among 11 severely injured when an ex-

plosion and fire tore through the mill, owned and operated by Prince George-based Sinclair Group Forest Products.

Three victims have been airlifted for treatment at hospitals in Vancouver and Victoria, while six people remain in hospital in Prince George. Thirteen others were treated and released.

Every sawmill in B.C. has been ordered to conduct a safety review in the wake of the blast, the second deadly explosion at a B.C. sawmill this year. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Ottawa looks to appeal ruling on bawdy houses

Prostitution law.

Federal government applies to Supreme Court for leave to appeal recent decision

Canada's three main prostitution-control laws appear destined for scrutiny by the country's highest court after the federal government announced Wednesday it wanted to appeal a decision that effectively legalized brothels.

As a result, the lawyer who successfully challenged the ruling on behalf of sex-trade workers said he had no choice but to try to appeal the ruling that also upheld the ban on street prostitution.

In response to a challenge from three sex-trade workers, Ontario's top court last month struck down the ban on bawdy houses on the basis that it increased the dangers prostitutes face because they are forced to work outside.

The five appellate justices also reworded the law against



Dominatrix Terri-Jean Bedford holds a whip as she leaves a news conference in Toronto in March after Ontario's top court ruled a ban on brothels is unconstitutional. COLIN PERKEL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

living on the avails of prostitution to clarify it would only apply in cases of exploitation because it could otherwise apply to people such as a prostitute's bodyguards, accountant or receptionist.

In its application to the Supreme Court for leave to appeal, the federal government said the Ontario Court of Appeal judgment creates a

"legislative void."

It also has an impact on police and prosecutions, both inside and outside Ontario, the government brief states.

Sex-trade workers, who hailed the Ontario court ruling as a recognition of their rights and said it would enhance their safety, expressed disappointment at Ottawa's decision. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Tori Stafford trial

Court sees video of detention-centre visits

A man whose lawyer has suggested he was nothing more than a horrified witness to the murder of Victoria Stafford at the hands of his girlfriend is seen on video with the woman a month later flexing his muscles for her and drawing her in for a long embrace.

Michael Rafferty visited Terri-Lynne McClintic twice at a detention centre, where she was taken after being arrested days after the killing on an unrelated matter.

McClintic's arrest apparently did not deter Rafferty from trying to keep in near-constant communication with her, records show.

Rafferty visited McClintic there twice and surveillance video played in court Wednesday shows the two laughing and joking around.

Rafferty, 31, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

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'This thing's huge.' Fossil stumps scientists

Experts are trying to figure out what a fossil dubbed "Godzillus" used to be.

The 68-kilogram fossil recovered last year in Kentucky is more than two metres long. To the untrained eye, it looks like a bunch of rocks or a concrete blob. Experts are trying to determine whether it was an animal, mineral or a form of plant life from a time when the Cincinnati region was underwater.

Scientists at a Geological Society of America meeting viewed it Tuesday at the Dayton Convention Center in Ohio.

"We are looking for people who might have an idea of what it is," said Ben Dattilo, an assistant professor of geology at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Scientists say the fossil is 450 million years old. University of Cincinnati geologist Carl Brett said it's the largest fossil ever extracted from that era in the Cincinnati region.

"This is the ultimate cold case," said Ron Fine, the Dayton, Ohio, amateur paleontologist who spotted the fossil on a hillside last year and gave it its name.

"Like Godzilla, it's a primordial beast that found its way



"Godzillus" fossil. THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

to the modern era," Fine said. Now 43, Fine has been collecting fossils since age four, and said he saw part of this one on a hillside off a Kentucky highway nearly a year ago.

"Most fossils around here are small, the size of your thumbnail or your thumb," he said. "This thing's huge."

He said it could be an early form of seaweed or kelp.

"This one has us stumped," said David Meyer, another UC geology professor.

"Cincinnati was covered by a sea, 100 to 200 feet deep," Meyer said. "Primitive shellfish lived in it. But no fish."

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Testing finds mad cow disease at U.S. plant



Women buy beef in Seoul on Wednesday. Two major South Korean retailers have suspended the sale of U.S. beef after a dead dairy cow in California was found to have had mad cow disease. AHN YOUNG-JOON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

California. Authorities say consumers shouldn't be alarmed, disease cannot be transmitted by contact among cows

A nondescript building in the heart of California's dairy country has become the focus of intense scrutiny after mad cow disease was discovered in a dead dairy cow.

Two major South Korean retailers suspended sales of U.S. beef in response.

Tests are performed on only a small portion of dead animals brought to the transfer facility in central California.

The cow had died at one of the region's hundreds of dairies, but hadn't exhibited outward symptoms of the disease: unsteadiness, unco-ordination, a drastic change in behaviour or low milk production, officials said. But when the animal arrived at the facility with a truckload of other dead cows on April 18, its 30-month-plus age and fresh corpse made her eligible for USDA testing.

"We randomly pick a number of samples throughout the year, and this just happened to be one that we randomly sampled," Baker Commodities executive vice-president Dennis Luckey said. "It showed no signs" of disease.

The samples went to the food-safety lab at the University of California, Davis on April 18. By April 19, markers indicated the cow could have bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), a disease that is fatal to cows and can cause a deadly human brain disease in people who eat tainted meat. It was sent to the USDA lab in Iowa for further testing.

Agriculture officials announced the findings Tuesday: the animal had atypical BSE.

That means it didn't get the disease from eating infected cattle feed, said John Clifford, the Agriculture Department's chief veterinary officer.

It was "just a random mutation that can happen every once in a great while in an animal," said Bruce Akey, director of the New York State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

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Secret Service scandal. Homeland Security secretary questioned

Conflicting portraits of the Secret Service took stage Wednesday in Congress, as senators challenged Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano to reconcile the image of agents who protect the lives of America's president with the dozen of officers and supervisors implicated in a humiliating prostitution scandal.

Napolitano told the Senate Judiciary Committee that the incident in Colombia involving as many as 20 women appeared to be an isolated one. She said the agency's office of professional responsibility had not received any complaints in the past 2 1/2 years. She said investigators are reviewing earlier time periods as well.

"This behaviour was not part of the Secret Service way of doing business," Napolitano testified. "We are going to make sure that standards and training, if they need to be tightened up they are tightened."

The Colombia scandal has been widely denounced by official Washington, but it's a delicate political matter in an election year with the presidency



Janet Napolitano
SUSAN WALSH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

and congressional majorities at stake.

The White House said Wednesday that the conduct of the employees punished in the ongoing scandal was "inappropriate" and unacceptable for people representing the United States abroad.

At the hearing, committee chairman Sen. Patrick Leahy, a Democrat, praised the Secret Service as "wise, very professional men and women," and called it shocking that so many of the agency's employees were involved in the scandal.

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A supporter of Arizona's 'show me your papers' immigration law demonstrates in front of the Supreme Court. CHARLES DHARAPAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Controversy over new Arizona law

Immigration. Law requires police to check status of people who may be in country illegally.

Supreme Court justices strongly suggested Wednesday that they are ready to allow Arizona to enforce part of a controversial state law that requires police officers to check the immigration status of people they think are in the country illegally.

Liberal and conservative justices reacted skeptically to the Obama administration's argument that the state exceeded its authority when it made the records check, and another provision allowing suspected illegal immigrants to

Quotable

"It seems to me that the federal government just doesn't want to know who's here illegally and who's not."

Chief Justice John Roberts

be arrested without a warrant, part of the Arizona law aimed at driving illegal immigrants elsewhere.

"You can see it's not selling very well," Justice Sonia Sotomayor told Obama administration Solicitor General Donald Verrilli.

It was unclear what the court would do with other aspects of the law that have been put on hold by lower federal courts. The other blocked provisions make it a state crime for immi-

grants not to have immigration registration papers and for illegal immigrants to seek work or hold a job.

Gov. Jan Brewer, who signed the law two years ago, was on hand for the final argument of the court's term.

The latest high court clash between the administration and states turns on the extent of states' role in immigration policy, which is essentially under the federal government's control.

Immigration policy is a hot political issue in the United States, especially in several of the border states like Arizona.

The court argument occurred as presumptive Republican nominee Mitt Romney is trying to find a way to cut President Barack Obama's strong support among Latino voters. Romney was drawn to the right on issues like immigration as he fought off other Republicans in state party primary elections. On Monday, Romney signalled he was considering a wide range of immigration policies, including a proposal from Republican Sen. Marco Rubio that would allow some of the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants a chance at visas to stay in the U.S.

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Like their counterparts in the comic-book world, Real-life Superheroes need villains. Real-Life Super Villains were created four years ago to help ensure superheroes stay moral. Villains' don't have death lasers or plans to rule the world. They take upon themselves the duty of demanding accountability of those who would call themselves 'super'

Villains gladly put hose to heroes

NADIA FEZZANI AND
THE GOLDEN DON
For Metro Canada

The interaction the Real-Life Super Villains have with the Real-Life Superheroes is mainly online.

Although it is known to happen, very rarely do RLSVs actually meet RLSHs in person.

For better or worse, the Internet is the medium. Approval, information-sharing, networking, collaboration and conflicts are played out on Facebook, YouTube and various message boards and forums.

Much like heroes, each villain operates differently.

Some Real-Life Super Vil-

lains criticize openly, sometimes cruelly, in posts and comments to demand response from heroes whose behaviour they find lacking.

Some mock by producing media designed to spoof and draw attention to the hero's shortcomings.



Kaptain Blackheart NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO

Targeting the 'capes'

"The reason I target certain 'capes,' as we call them, is that I don't believe that they are acting very heroic. If they are bigots or otherwise set a bad example for the community and/or the children who they are supposed to be protecting, it puts them right in my crosshairs. Heroes have no room for hate speech or supporting things such as crimes against women."

My goals have somewhat changed. I do not attack everyone who calls themselves a superhero ... just the ones who deserve it. There are those out there who I believe are genuine in what they are trying to do and truly wish to help people. I generally leave those people alone — and have actually become friends with some of them.

I will be honest: The costume makes things a lot more fun and theatrical for both sides. I mean, who wants to fight a 'hero' or 'villain' in a T-shirt and blue jeans? Come on — they get to wear costumes, then so do we!"¹ Super villain Zylon B

Villainy in disguise



The Golden Don
NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO

Keepers of the golden rule or cyber-bullies?

In many ways, Real Life Superheroes and Real Life Super Villains are more similar than they would want to admit. Many in both camps love comic books, and contribute to causes they believe in.

However, there are fundamental differences.

The greatest: RLSH go

out and interact with their community in one way or another.

Villains, on the other hand, operate on the Internet. Real Life Superheroes often criticize their nemeses by saying they waste their time in their "mothers' basements" nay-saying the RLSH world rather than making a real difference.

Many RLSH feel that the RLSV are simply costumed cyber-bullies.

NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO CANADA

Phoenix Jones: Masked

It was just like a scene from a movie the day Real Life Superhero Phoenix Jones' assault charges were dropped.

As more than a dozen journalists and photographers crowded around him, the 23-year-old Seattleite took off his black and gold mask for the first time in public. For two years, he had been known for fighting crime. That day he told the world, "I'm Phoenix Jones. I'm also Ben Fodor. I also protect the city, I also am a father, I also am a brother. I'm just like everyone else."



Phoenix Jones NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO

Some call them Real Life Superheroes. Others refer to them as crime fighters or crime-prevention patrollers. Phoenix Jones and his team, the "Rain City Superhero Movement," call themselves a crime-prevention brigade.

For the past two years, they have been arresting carjackers, attackers and people threatening others with guns in the troubled areas of Seattle.

Equipped with bullet-proof vests, stab plating, pepper spray, Tasers and a first-aid kit, members of the 10-person

team risk their lives to protect the lives of others. Even with protective equipment, the job is dangerous: Jones has been shot once and stabbed twice.

Jones is a six-foot-tall, 185-pound mixed-martial-arts champion who calls on lessons learned in his tough childhood to build his strong character.

Born to criminal parents who stole and sold narcotics, Jones — or Ben — was the middle child in a family of five. He was the only one who was sent to live in an orphanage until the age of five. "I guess it

Meet the Super Villains



hero exposed



was just luck of the draw. Just flip a coin," he recalls.

During that period of time, his mother got busted for selling drugs out of her baby carriage. When he was five, the system returned Jones to live with his father and siblings.

Two years later, life took a dramatic turn. While Jones was waiting in the car for his father to come back from running errands, he heard gunshots. His father had attempted to rob a convenience store and was killed.

Jones was placed in an or-

phanage but he wasn't like the others. Even though his mother was in prison, he had a parent.

Jones was adopted at nine years old, but had to spend half the time with his new family and half the time at the orphanage. At 11 he moved to his new home permanently and settled into a new school, where Jones started training in martial arts. By 14, he was already a black belt.

After high school, he trained to work with autistic children, his passion for five years.

In October 2011, Jones was charged with assault when he broke up a fight using pepper spray. His costume was taken and his identity was revealed as public record. Even though the charges were dropped, the authorities kept his uniform for weeks.

Jones chose to embrace his circumstances, even though he lost his job and licence to work with the autistic because of the assault accusations. He faced the public bravely. Now, with a little less mystery, he continues to patrol, protect and inspire the citizens of Seattle.

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Zyklon B

A prominent member of R.O.A.C.H., a villain group, Zyklon B took on a controversial name to match his approach to his criticism of heroes as a whole. He uses inflammatory comments that are designed to straddle the line of propriety, especially with new or unproven RLSH. "The bad guys are really the good guys. And the heroes are the villains," says Zyklon B.

NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO



The Roaming EYE of DOOM

A comedic group of what some call "Metavillains," these fiction-based villains are led by Octavius Fong, an evil puppet. The EYE has included those like Kaptain Blackheart, the Baroness, Agent Orange and others. The goal is to hold a "funhouse mirror" to the RLSH community by producing humorous videos, web-cast radio programming and online

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Lord Malignance

Perhaps the most disciplined practitioner of "Metavillainy," he speaks of himself in third person as "One." His portrayal of this persona has led to the creation of a textured fictional existence that includes a headquarters he has built in his home. His goal is to inspire critical thinking through absurdity and imagination. "Superheroes are trapped in a group self-delusion of their own making. Whenever the truth appears, they run from it like kryptonite," says Lord Malignance.

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Caligula Caesar

Caligula Caesar selected his name to embody the greed and thirst for power that his historical namesake so villainously displayed. Based out of Brooklyn, he calls his neighbourhood the New R.O.M.E. (Reign Over My Enemies).

He got into villainy eight months ago, when he heard of local superheroes making what he considered to be preposterous claims about contributing to decreasing crime in his part of town. Today, he manages a forum where heroes and villains can debate, settle their differences and air their grievances without it being visible to fans and supporters.

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- Exclusive video interview: Phoenix Jones and Purple Reign with Pure Evil. Until recently, Real Life Superheroes Phoenix Jones and Purple Reign have refused to communicate with Real Life Super Villains. Exclusively, they have accepted the invitation for an interview from the Golden Don and Kaptain Blackheart, the only "Metavillains" to be accepted by Jones.



Code of ethics



"A code of ethics is necessary if the community is to work toward a common goal. Because there are a growing number of superheroes, it's necessary that we all understand and trust one another. It's also important for the general public to know what we stand for, so that they, in turn, feel comfortable working with us. In my everyday life I'm a security professional, so I bring that background into the RLSH community. As the Silver Sentinel, I'm a mentor and friend to heroes around the world, offering advice and directing new people to training resources in their local communities." Superhero Silver Sentinel

Free speech?

Girls fight expulsion over Facebook

Three eighth-graders from Indiana who say they were expelled after joking on Facebook about which of their classmates they would like to kill asked a federal judge Wednesday to order the district to allow them to return to school.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana filed a lawsuit on behalf of the three 14-year-old girls in

federal court in Hammond, claiming that Griffith Public School violated the students' free-speech rights.

The girls were suspended and later expelled in January for the remainder of the school year after a classmate's mother alerted officials at the school to the girls' Facebook posts, the lawsuit says.

The suit says school officials told the girls they had violated school policy against bullying, harassment and intimidation.

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Zoo tragedy

Elephant turns on zookeeper in N.Z.

An African elephant has killed a zookeeper caring for her at the New Zealand zoo where the animal was retired after performing in circuses for decades.

Police officers were called to the Franklin Zoo near Auckland on Wednesday afternoon after an incident between the elephant and the keeper, a New Zealand police statement

said. It said more information would not be released until the woman's family had been informed.

Wednesday was a public holiday in New Zealand, but the zoo was open, as were many tourist attractions.

Jumbo, also known as Mila, is the sole elephant at the Franklin Zoo, according to its website. The 39-year-old elephant arrived four years ago after performing in circuses for three decades. The zoo built a new enclosure for her in 2010.

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Confessed killer says diagnosis is fabricated

A matter of sanity

If found guilty and sane, Breivik would face 21 years in prison, though he can be held longer if deemed a danger to society.

- If declared insane, he would be committed to compulsory psychiatric care.

- "To a political activist, the worst thing that can happen is to end up in a mental hospital," Breivik said. "That would delegitimize everything you stand for."

Mass killer Anders Behring Breivik slammed a psychiatric report that declared him insane, insisting Wednesday it was based on "evil fabrications" meant to portray him as irrational and unintelligent.

"It is not me who is described in that report," the right-wing extremist, who has admitted to killing 77 people in a July 22 bomb-and-shooting rampage, said in court.

A second psychiatric examination found that Breivik was sane. The five-judge panel trying Breivik on terror charges for the attacks will consider both reports.

Breivik's mental state is the key issue that remains unresolved in the trial, since he has admitted to a bombing in Oslo's government district that killed eight people and a subsequent shooting massacre at a Labor Party youth camp that left 69 people dead.

most of them teenagers. He claims the attacks were "necessary" and that the victims had betrayed Norway by embracing immigration.

Sounding irritated, the 33-year-old Norwegian accused the two psychiatrists who declared him psychotic of deciding on the diagnosis prematurely, saying their judgment was clouded by their emotional response to the attacks.

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Madeleine McCann. U.K. police say missing girl may still be alive

British police on Wednesday asked Portugal to reopen the case of Madeleine McCann, saying that as the fifth anniversary of her disappearance approaches there is a possibility she is still alive.

Police also released a new image of what McCann would likely look like today, expressing hope that she would be found even years after the then-three-year-old vanished on May 3 while on a trip to Portugal with her family.

The case sparked global interest because of heartbreaking images of the girl beamed around the world and, in part, because her parents were briefly considered suspects before they were cleared.

Detective Chief Inspector Andy Redwood said he is leading a team of 37 police officers reviewing some 40,000 pieces of evidence gathered so far.

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Three-year-old Madeleine McCann and a computer-generated image of her at nine years old. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/LONDON METROPOLITAN POLICE



Gatecrasher plans to run for state governor

Loftier goals. Tareq Salahi crashed a 2009 White House dinner but now says he plans to be on the GOP ticket in Virginia's gubernatorial election

White House gatecrasher Tareq Salahi says he plans to run for governor of Virginia next year.

Salahi completed a declaration of candidacy. But that is meaningless until Jan. 1.

A State Board of Elections official says the agency that oversees Virginia elections can't accept the declaration until the year in which the election is scheduled.

Salahi's plan to run as a Republican comes just days after another GOP candidate for governor, Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, filed a lawsuit against Salahi and his winery. It

claims they cheated customers who bought winery tours. Salahi gained fleeting fame with his now-estranged wife as uninvited guests to a 2009 White House state dinner.

Their brazen exploit sparked concern about the Secret Service's effectiveness.

The notoriety also landed Michaela a role in the reality television series *Real Housewives of D.C.*, which was cancelled after one season.

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Royal fever. U.S. school welcomes Prince Edward



Prince Edward, in New York City this week. MICHAEL LOCCISANO/GETTY IMAGES

When the future King Edward VII visited Girard College in 1860, the boarding school for underprivileged students served about 860 white boys in a bucolic setting on the edge of bustling Philadelphia.

That is not the institution that the British monarch's great-great-grandson will see on Thursday.

Now educating a much smaller and racially diverse student population of boys and girls, Girard is a cloistered slice of serenity amid a gritty neighbourhood in the heart of the city.

Yet it remains dedicated to its mission of educating low-income students even as the school itself struggles financially. It's also facing a change in leadership as its dynamic young president, Autumn Adkins Graves, steps down at the end of June.

Pomp and ceremony

"It's exciting.... We've ordered a lot of British flags."

Autumn Adkins Graves, president of Girard College

But first, Graves will welcome Prince Edward, who will plant a tree to honour the Diamond Jubilee of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, now in her 60th year on the throne. Edward's great-great-grandfather planted two trees at the school 152 years ago.

The prince will also visit with students from Girard and several other local schools who participate in a youth-development program started by his father, the Duke of Edinburgh.

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Winberg, a 67-year old retiree from Sundbyberg, told the Swedish daily *Dagens Nyheter* that although she doesn't know much about the environment, she didn't hesitate in taking up Lena Ek on the offer last week.

She told the paper she wore black trousers and a blouse and met interesting people "like that guy Blix" — a reference to former chief UN weapons inspector Hans Blix.

Ek's spokesperson said the minister found the situation "extremely funny."

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Ministry of mix-ups

Dinner invite leads to Swedish comedy of errors

Sweden's environment minister thought she'd asked the country's former agriculture minister to attend a glam dinner.

But the invitation went to the "wrong" Margareta Winberg — an ordinary Swede who jumped at the chance to mingle, even participating in the group photo.

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Transit trouble. Daimler AG to close Ontario bus plant in restructuring

Daimler AG is closing a bus plant in Mississauga, Ont., as part of a plan to shut down its North American transit-bus business due to weak demand. The plant currently employs 390 people.

The German company said Wednesday it will immediately stop taking orders for its Orion buses and look to close the Toronto-area plant once it completes its current orders over the next year. A plant in

Oriskany, N.Y., will continue operations as a parts and field-service location. Daimler said the decision follows expectations that the transit-bus business will remain depressed for the next several years.

"The local market is in a continued slump, and growth opportunities are not available from selling the product overseas," said Hartmut Schick, head of Daimler Buses.

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Watchdog. Austerity to cost 100,000 jobs: Report

Government spending restraint and cuts will lead to balanced budgets but also slower economic growth and 100,000 lost jobs, Canada's budget watchdog said Wednesday.

Parliamentary Budget Officer Kevin Page's latest economic and fiscal report is surprising in that it agrees with the Harper government that the budget will be balanced in 2015-16 — maybe even a year earlier.

But it says fiscal soundness

carries a heavy price, with Ottawa taking \$52 billion out of the economy and the provinces adding another \$9 billion in drag.

"The PBO expects that restraint and reductions in government spending on programs in Canada will act as a drag on economic growth and job creation, pushing the economy further away from its potential (gross domestic product) and delaying the economic recovery," the report states. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Laid-off Aveos employees protest outside the annual meeting of ACE Aviation, ex-parent company of Air Canada, at the Museum of Fine Arts in Montreal on Wednesday. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Workers accuse ACE Aviation of betrayal

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Lost jobs. Air Canada's former parent company splitting spoils and abandoning workers: Protesters

Vented anger

"They are responsible for the nightmare we are living right now."

Maxime Dolci, Aveos employee and local union vice-president

Air Canada's former parent company was accused Wednesday of betraying workers by distributing millions of dollars among its shareholders as it winds down operations.

Hundreds of protesters blocked a downtown Montreal street where shareholders at ACE Aviation's annual meeting approved the plan to dissolve the holding company after less than 10 years of operation.

"They are going to distribute \$350 million that belongs to us," Jean Poirier, vice-president of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, said on the steps of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.

While Air Canada struggles under the weight of more than \$4.3 billion of debt and hefty pension obligations, ACE shareholders will split the spoils of

selling its various divisions.

ACE barred reporters from its annual meeting. In a statement, it confirmed that shareholders approved the wind-up of the company and plans to distribute between \$250 million and \$300 million in the coming weeks.

"The final distribution to shareholders will not occur earlier than mid-year 2013 in order to allow that any remaining contingent liabilities be settled or otherwise provided for," it said in the statement.

The protesters accused the Harper Conservatives of being in a conspiracy with Air Canada by not enforcing a law critics say requires heavy maintenance work to be done in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wind farm

Trump warns Scotland against blocking view

Donald Trump on Wednesday swept into Scotland's parliament to demand the country end plans for an offshore wind farm he fears will spoil the view at his exclusive new \$1.2-billion US golf resort. In a typically blunt display, the New York property tycoon told an inquiry into renewable energy to stop the wind-power efforts in the country's north.

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Fast food

Burger King pledges cage-free pork, eggs

Burger King on Wednesday became the first major U.S. fast-food chain to pledge that all its eggs and pork will come from cage-free chickens and pigs by 2017.

The move by the world's second-biggest burger chain helps it satisfy growing demand among customers for humanely produced fare and adds fuel to an industry-wide shift to consider animal welfare.

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ORANGE JUICE LEAVES BAD TASTE IN OUR MOUTHS



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Anyone else find it weird that the levels of outrage over a \$16 orange juice and \$25-billion fighter jets are roughly the same?

I understand, though.

It's difficult to wrap one's head around the Conservatives' \$10-billion discrepancy between stated and actual fighter-jet costs because the average Joe rarely finds \$10 billion in the couch cushions. It's such a big boondoggle there's no easy way to comprehend it.

On the other hand, we've all had \$16 and we've all had orange juice.

So when we learn that Conservative MP Bev Oda had a taxpayer-funded \$16 glass of juice at a super-posh London hotel — *because the first five-star hotel wasn't good enough for her* — we "get it" and go from zero to face-palm in 2.9 seconds.

People have been accusing Oda of having champagne tastes, but at least if the juice had been mixed with champagne, we'd have understood.

Dishonesty to the tune of \$10-billion is bad, sure, but \$16 orange juice, well, that offends our sensibilities.

This would explain why, when reimbursing the taxpayers for part of her costs, Oda left a wholly unnecessary \$1,000-plus limousine on the taxpayers' bill, but made sure the orange juice was taken care of. She wouldn't want to look bad.

The only good news was that the relative clarity of Oda's OJ scandal makes the Conservatives' mishandling of the F-35 file that much clearer.

In both cases, the Conservatives criticized the opposition for doing its job. Oda called her questioners "extremist," which makes one hope she never becomes foreign minister.

In both cases, they said (essentially), "There is no scandal here, because once we got caught, we fixed it," which explains why they're the nation's leading experts on unreported crime.

And in both cases, they claimed to have followed all existing procedures. In the case of the F-35s, Defence Minister Peter MacKay said the \$10 billion came down to "accounting differences," which is like blaming a car accident on "differences in direction."

The only real difference between the two scandals is that the Conservatives apologized for the orange juice.

But if you're still finding it hard to grasp the F-35 screw-up, then maybe this last comparison will help: \$25 billion could buy Oda 1,562,500,000 glasses of Tropicana.

Supplemental discipline

I'm Brendan Shanahan, Canada's director of taxpayer safety.

- In February 2011, in London, England, an incident occurred during a conference on the immunization of children in poor countries. In the opening minutes, International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda delivered an unnecessary cheque for \$665 to stay at a posh hotel. This is overcharging.

- As the documents show, Oda had the five-star Grange St. Paul's lined up for what should have been a clean, honest cheque. However, she launched herself over two kilometres into another all-star. This is a violation of the overcharging rule, which states: "A minor or major

scandal shall be imposed on an MP who decides a five-star hotel is for cheapskates."

- It should be noted that the Conservatives did not change their fiscally conservative position either during or immediately prior to the cheque.

- While we accept Oda's assertion that she did not intend to hurt her electoral chances, the moment she left the first hotel, she became responsible for causing numerous Canadians' heads to explode.

- Canada's Department of Taxpayer Safety has decided to suspend Bev Oda, but I have no real power, so I'm not going to do anything. Just like my old job.

The Ants go marching in



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Beijing

Auto show links new technology

Dancers perform beside the Chery @Ant concept vehicle during the 2012 Beijing International Automotive Exhibition at China International Exhibition Center on Wednesday in Beijing. More than 2,000 automotive enterprises from 14 countries and regions are participating in the massive auto show from April 23 to May 2.

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Going green

China's dream of electric cars elusive

China's leaders are finding it's a lot tougher to create a world-beating electric-car industry than they hoped.

In 2009, they pledged billions of dollars for research and called for annual sales of 500,000 cars by 2015.

Today, Beijing is scaling back its ambitions, chastened by technological hurdles.

The government has hedged its bets by broadening the industry's official goals to include cleaner gasoline engines. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Quoted

"It's expensive in China at the moment because of import duties, and we don't qualify for incentives.... But we still think it's important that we demonstrate its capabilities here in China."

Kevin Wale,
president of GM China

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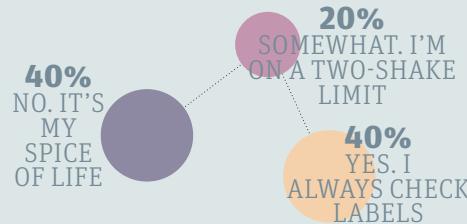
China's most advanced developer, BYD Co. (in which American investor Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Corp. owns a 10 per cent stake), says its electric e6 sedan can travel 300 kilometres on a charge — a range similar to that of Western models.

BYD has sold 300 taxis and 200 electric buses used in the southern city of Shenzhen, a centre for business and technology near Hong Kong, according to Henry Li, general manager of its export division. BYD has invested heavily in research and has thousands of engineers working on battery and motor technology.



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Jim Watson wants to open a "Canadian Smithsonian" in Ottawa. Imagine the crowds coming here to see the sack that Rusty The Rooster lived in!

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Hmm. High School nostalgia tops line-up for Ottawa BluesFest '12: I Mother Earth, Big Wreck, Our Lady Peace, Snoop Dogg & Lauryn Hill.

@Josh_Mann21:

@Skrillex is going to bluesfest in Ottawa!!! Can't wait!! Going to be my first concert :') and I know it's going to be awesome!!

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SCENE

Scene in brief

Jack White wrangled for Lone Ranger

Walt Disney Pictures has wrangled Jack White to compose the score for *The Lone Ranger*. The studio announced Tuesday that the Grammy-winning rocker will write, produce and perform the score for director Gore Verbinski's upcoming adaptation of *The Lone Ranger*. The Lone Ranger will mark The White Stripes front-man's first time scoring a feature film. The film stars Johnny Depp as Tonto and Armie Hammer as John Reid. It is set to debut May 31, 2013.

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Sarajevo adopts Jolie as one of their own

Bosnia's capital, Sarajevo, has named Angelina Jolie its honorary citizen. A statement issued by city's authorities Wednesday said it made the decision in recognition of Jolie's role in preserving the "truth about the war" in Bosnia through her directorial debut in *The Land of Blood and Honey*.

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On the web



From playing a good guy or bad, TV to theatre, Topher Grace enjoys a varied acting career

Local wrestling company keeps it all in the family

Acclaim Pro Wrestling. Indie phenomenon offers storyline-driven wrestling action



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Chris Doherty and his father, Brent, have always been huge fans of wrestling.

In 2004, Chris took his passion one step further: he started training and wrestling in shows, performing under the pseudonym "Charming" Chaz Lovely.

Years later, father Brent and the rest of the Dohertys joined Chris in the world of indie wrestling, launching the family-run Acclaim Pro Wrestling in July 2010.

"Everybody in the family is involved: mom, dad, sister, brother. Everybody's got their own part in it," says Chris.

Acclaim Pro Wrestling is now one of three active wrestling promotions in the Ottawa area.

Doherty says his family

isn't trying to compete with anyone; rather, they are trying to offer a different product. The main difference, he says, is Acclaim Pro Wrestling's storyline-driven format.

"We tend to actually lean more towards that WWE style — lots of different variations on matches and stables, that kind of stuff," Chris explains.

(For those not in the know, a stable is a group of wrestlers that have some sort of common element, whether it's a storyline, friendship or shared manager.)

In order to keep the storylines going between events, Acclaim Pro Wrestling posts videos on YouTube featuring competitors calling each other on and talking up the next match.

The end result is a product that is a great blend of theatrics and physicality — all thrown into a 20-square-foot ring made up of steel and wood, making it that much more exciting.

"There are a lot of elements of danger involved," says Chris. "And the more theatrics you add into it, the more dangerous it can get."



Chris Doherty, a.k.a. "Charming" Chaz Lovely. SUPPLIED

Details, and other weekend fun

- Acclaim Pro Wrestling presents Unfinished Business 2 at the Greely and District Royal Canadian Legion (8021 Mitch Owens Rd.) on Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. Scheduled matches include the Main Event, Payne vs. Darkko and SeXXXy Eddy vs. Tyler Logan vs. MVP in the Interprovincial Title Match. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids 10 and under. \$1 from every ticket sold will be donated to the Ottawa Humane Society.
- Don't miss one of Canada's top comedians, Chris Quigley, at Yuk Yuk's (292 Elgin St.) this weekend. Quigley's wide range of topics and facial expressions has made him a crowd favourite. He's performed on CTV's Comedy Now and at Comedy at Club 54, as well as fundraisers, corporate events and comedy festivals across Canada. For show times and ticket info, visit yukyuk.com.

Lights, camera, action — 30 Rock live

Thursday Night Live. Faced with a dropping audience, comedy tries to offer viewers something unique

In a move to inject new life into its kookiness, *30 Rock* is going live this week.

It will be the second such outing for the NBC comedy, which is normally a polished, single-camera filmed affair. It went live for a night in Octo-

ber 2010 with an episode performed during the show's normal time slot, then re-staged for West Coast viewers.

The same plan will be followed this Thursday: Originating from NBC's Studio 8H (fabled home of *Saturday Night Live*), *30 Rock* will air live for viewers in the Eastern and Central time zones at 8:30 p.m. EDT, then be reprised at 8:30 PDT for the rest of viewers.

The theme of the episode plays into the idea of Live vs. Filmed. The Kabletown corporate bosses announce they will

no longer pay for live production of TGS (the fictitious show-within-a-show produced by Liz Lemon, played by *30 Rock* star Tina Fey).

30 Rock could use a little excitement. Although highly acclaimed and richly awarded during its six seasons, it has begun to lose the comic edge that set it apart. And, while never a ratings juggernaut, it has seen its audience further soften this season (just 3 million viewers tuned in last week).

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Alec Baldwin and Tina Fey are tasked with injecting some excitement back into *30 Rock*. HANDOUT

Rising singer plucked from obscurity

Musical

breakthrough. With a little help from Justin Bieber, Carly Rae Jepsen now has a big hit on her hands

Carly Rae Jepsen is playing cupid — on an international scale. Her catchy hit Call Me Maybe is about giving someone you don't know your phone number. The 26-year-old Canadian singer hopes the lyrics will inspire people to take a risk on love — even though she hasn't had the guts to do it that way herself.

"I have never actually given a guy my phone number before," Jepsen said in a recent interview.

"You have to live vicariously through your music, so I figure if I was ever that brave, that is how I would give a guy my number."

Call Me Maybe is in the top 5 on iTunes and has hit No. 1 in the U.K., Canada and Australia.

The track was first spotted by fellow Canadian Justin Bieber, who signed Jepsen to his manager's record label, Schoolboy Records/Interscope.



Singer Carly Rae Jepsen got a big boost from an unexpected source.

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He gave the song a big boost by appearing in a YouTube video along with Selena Gomez and Ashley Tisdale, where they mimed and danced along to the song.

The video has now clocked nearly 35 million views on YouTube.

Why do you think people have related to Call Me Maybe?

A lot of the reason people have been able to hear it is because of Justin's support. Why people are responding so well is kind of a mystery to me, but it is wonderful.

What did you think when you saw Justin Bieber's YouTube video?

I was talking to my mom at the time and it popped up on my Facebook. There had been a couple of mock videos that fans had done and stuff, so I thought it was one of those. But I was like, "That guy looks like Justin Bieber and that girl looks like Selena Gomez," and by the time Ashley Tisdale came on, I was like, "Mom, I got to go!" and I had a little freakout.

Have you seen the other ones by Katy Perry and James

Franco?

And Miley Cyrus did one too — it's insane. It's kind of a cool little thing that has started — celebrities but also lots of different fans putting together videos. And everyone always looks so happy.

What's Justin like as a boss?

So far Justin hasn't taken on the boss attitude, which is nice. He's been more of a really good supporter and friend. He's also given me a bit of a boost of confidence because you struggle for so many years.

Is he OK with you beating him? In the U.K., you outsold him two-to-one.

(Laughs) Oh, I think we had a little friendly competition going on.

Tell me where Call Me Maybe came from, the inspiration.

The line 'Before you came into my life I missed you so bad' was in fact written and inspired by the guy that I am seeing now, actually. He's got like three CDs written for him so it's old news, he is used to it. That was the truth for me and him; I was like 'Oh, life could be this good? Awesome.'

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Lightfoot looks back with All Live album

Canadian legend.

Initially disc was set for posthumous release, but is being released early as tribute to guitarist Clements

Lightfoot didn't want any confusion over who was behind the recording's ethereal lead guitar. Sadness seems to have motivated Lightfoot. He's had enough close calls for a lifetime, and is now determined to make the most of the life he has left.

"I'm fully prepared to go whenever I'm taken," said Lightfoot. "I've been almost dead a couple times, once almost for real ... I have more incentive to continue now because I feel I'm on borrowed time, in terms of age."

So it's more disarming than surprising to hear the 73-year-old Canadian songwriting legend speak so casually about his own mortality on a sunny spring afternoon at his home in north Toronto.

Even something as simple as his new live disc *All Live* seems inextricably bound to some grim concerns. Initially, the album was intended for posthumous release — in Lightfoot's own words, it was to come out "after (he was) pushing up daisies."

But it's coming out on Tuesday instead, only because his longtime guitarist Terry Clements died last year and

But before Lightfoot can move forward, he wanted to look back.

All Live consists of 19 recordings handpicked by Lightfoot, all recorded within the warm confines of Toronto's legendary Massey Hall, captured between 1998 and 2001.

It's easy to understand why Lightfoot felt that was the optimal period from which to draw.

Less than a year later, he suffered the aneurysm and went on to endure a coma, more surgery and a rehabilitation period that he says stretched for two and a half years.

He says that health scare took "some of the starch" out

On mortality

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Gordon Lightfoot

of his voice, while another ailment in 2006 — a transient ischemic attack, or minor stroke, that hit Lightfoot onstage — affected his ability to play his guitar for a time. He dismisses the seriousness of this second incident now.

"That little stroke I had up north was nothing," he remarked with a degree of defiance. "I fought my way back in seven or eight months."

Lightfoot has said many times that he doesn't plan on recording albums of new music, so it's his live performances that are the focus now.

He performed more than 60 shows across North America last year and he has dozens more dates scheduled through the summer and fall, including June shows in Montreal and cities across Ontario.

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John Cusack stars in the new film *The Raven*. HANDOUT

Edgar Allan Poe is no action hero

The Raven. Sure, he fights crime, but John Cusack wouldn't define his role as such



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He rides on horseback while wielding a gun, tracks down a serial killer, drinks (heavily), and composes morbid short stories when he's not trying to save the girl. He's Edgar Allan Poe, action hero.

Or not.

"He's not an action hero, per se," says John Cusack who stars as this swashbuckling — yet still dementedly anguished — Poe in the new thriller *The Raven*. "Based on what we know of the man and his stories, it's not a stretch to think of him trying to solve a mystery."

Cusack realizes this take — whereupon literature's

Quote

"A straight biopic would be boring — I love this mash-up. Poe was fascinating and multifaceted but where the real drama comes in are the stories — his glorious stories!"

John Cusack
On his new film *The Raven*

favorite dark and depressed writer follows a serial killer whose murders are very similar to those described in his most famous stories (*The Pit* and the *Pendulum*, *The Masque of the Red Death*, *The Premature Burial*, and *The Murders in the Rue Morgue*, among others) — uses some poetic license. But this "mash-up" version, as he defines it, is what attracted him to the role in the first place.

"A straight biopic would be boring — I love this mash-

up," says Cusack with a slight gleam in his eye. "Poe was fascinating and multifaceted but the stories are where the real drama comes in."

And, really, a biopic still wouldn't be true to the man Poe was, Cusack continues.

"It would only be an amalgamation of what you think his life would be," he claims, since so much mystery still surrounds the life and death of the writer. "We (Cusack and director James McTeigue) figured we could paint a clearer picture of who and what he was when he becomes a character in his own stories."

The star claims this unorthodox approach is very Poe-esque.

"He writes about guys who are going crazy. He writes about dreams within dreams. (*The Raven*) is very Poe."

And really, if you are an actor and don't want to portray one of history's most fascinating and layered characters you should probably just retire.

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The Hobbit film hasn't even been completed yet but is already facing criticism. HANDOUT

3D technology is changing our world. Two things that are set to blow up

Televisions that can display 3D images are already on the market, and some companies have started marketing 3D projectors for the home theater market.

Combine that with immersive video game systems like the Xbox Kinect, which uses the player's body movements as a guide instead of a controller, and "going into the game" suddenly seems like

more than a sales pitch.

3D printing

In what's expected to be possibly the biggest technological advancement of the decade — and multibillion-dollar industry in just a few years — 3D printing is already making real life feel like science fiction and redefining what it means to "print" something. The technology

is already in use to transform digital data into solid objects like jewelry prototypes, architecture models, replacement bones and joints and corrective dental products. The biggest potential application of the technology, though, is using chemical compound packages that could someday enable patients to print out their medications at home.

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Sneak peek at new shooting style confounds some critics. What does this mean for the future of film?

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CinemaCon attendees got a first look at 10-minutes of footage of Peter Jackson's upcoming The Hobbit: an Unexpected Journey, due in theatres this December.

But the main curiosity over the new film — the first of two based on J.R.R. Tolkien's book — wasn't so much the film itself, but how it was shot: Jackson filmed the Hobbit at 48 frames per second, double the normal speed of film. Jackson, via a video introduction, maintained that the higher frame rate creates a smoother image for the viewer.

"The movement feels

Future of film

"The film is far from finished, of course, as some of the footage included green screens where scenery will be digitally added. That also means Jackson has time to tweak the look of the film. But the question remains: No matter how it's refined, will this "future of film" ... be embraced by general audiences?

more real," Jackson said. "It's much more gentle on the eyes."

But viewers at the convention — mostly cinema owners and press — weren't convinced, and film bloggers were fast and furious with their criticism.

"The movement of the ac-

tors looked... strange. Almost as if the performances had been partly sped up," said Slashfilm's Peter Sciretta. "It didn't look cinematic."

And Devin Faraci of Badass Digest offered, "Here's what The Hobbit looked like to me: a hi-def version of the 1970s *I, Claudius*. It is drenched in a TV-like — specifically '70s-era BBC — video look. People on Twitter have asked if it has that soap-opera look you get from badly calibrated TVs at Best Buy, and the answer is an emphatic YES."

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Judging by reactions coming out of Las Vegas, no.

Twitter

Reactions to the Hobbit footage lit up the social media site.



@AlexBuono

Not surprised that many at CinemaCon found 48fps HOBBIT footage "un-cinematic". 4K/48fps/3D = too much realism = no suspension of disbelief.

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Listening to Cinemacon people - theater owners - this 48fps demo sold NOBODY.

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I wonder what Twitter would have said about sound when it was introduced to talking pictures. #Hobbit #48fps

Beyoncé named World's Most Beautiful Woman

Beyoncé's beauty secret?
Having a baby.

"I feel more beautiful than I've ever felt because I've given birth," the singer tells People magazine, which named her the 2012 World's Most Beautiful Woman.

"I have never felt so connected, never felt like I had such a purpose on this earth." Beyoncé and husband Jay-Z welcomed daughter Blue Ivy Carter three months ago.

"The best thing about having a daughter is having a true legacy," Beyoncé adds. "The word 'love' means something completely different now."



Bieber pens song about paternity scandal

Justin Bieber is making the most of his paternity scandal last year.

"(I've written) a song about that whole situation with that girl who said she's having my baby — Mariah Yeater," Bieber says, according to AOL, adding that the track is "about every-

thing I've gone through." Yeater claimed that she had a sexual encounter with Bieber at a concert in L.A. when she was 19 and the Canadian pop star was 16, leading to her pregnancy.

Bieber later took a DNA test to disprove her claims.

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Chris Brown breeding, selling pit bull puppies

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Chris Brown and his family are selling pit bull puppies online — for \$1,000 a pop.

The media was tipped off to the pop star's new business venture by his mother, who tweeted a link to the dog-selling site, along with a picture of Brown cuddling one of the puppies. A rep for the singer confirmed to The Associated Press on Tuesday that Brown and his family are indeed selling the 2-month-old pit bulls online.

The publicist's spin on the high price tag is that Brown, whom she defines as "an animal lover," "wants to make sure the dogs go to a good home."

Look, dog breeding is one thing. But breeding pit bulls? That's especially irresponsible. According to recent stats from the Humane Society of the United States, 70 per cent of dogs housed and euthanized in urban animal shelter systems are pit bulls. An even more depressing statistic from the Los Angeles Humane Society says that around 200 pit bulls in L.A. alone are



euthanized every day due to over-breeding and lack of adoption opportunities.

The point being: Shelters are overrun with the breed, and thousands upon thousands are killed every year because no one will adopt them. And yet, Brown is selling each puppy for \$1,000? Gross.

I'm channelling my inner Bob Barker when I say: I'm pretty sure the way for Brown to show that he's a true "animal lover" is to make sure his pets are spayed and neutered — and not to breed and then sell them on a website. Especially when, come on — does it really need the money?



Ashton and Mila continue to feed rumour mill

Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis may have denied last week's reports that they've become more than just friends, but their recent activities aren't doing much to help that assertion.

The two reportedly shared a weekend getaway up the California coast, according to People magazine.

Witnesses spotted Kutcher and Kunis headed to Carpinteria, Calif., where they grabbed lunch and some fresh fruit Friday —

and didn't surface again until Sunday morning. A source close to Kutcher says something like this has been in the cards since their That '70s Show days.

"He was so in love with her for a while when they worked together," says the source. "He thought she was a goddess, was always talking about how beautiful she is. But she was with Macaulay (Culkin) for a lot of that time and also just generally gave off a not-interested vibe."

Ozzy is a grandfather

Jack Osbourne and his fiancée, Lisa Stelly, are the proud parents of a newborn baby girl, welcoming daughter Pearl on Tuesday, his rep



confirms to People magazine. It's the first grandchild for Ozzy and Sharon Osbourne. Sharon previously announced her intentions of spoiling the new addition. "I'm going to be the grandmother from hell, because I am going to spoil this baby so bad," she told People earlier this year. "My son and Lisa are going to be like, 'Get her out of here!'"



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Narciso Rodriguez honoured

Fashion designer Narciso Rodriguez has always referenced the world of art: Modern paintings are one of his many sources of inspiration.

It seems fitting, then, that El Museo del Barrio will honour the designer of Cuban descent next month during its annual gala. In its announcement, El Museo said that Rodriguez is considered one of the 25 most influential Hispanics in America.

"It's a great compliment. I don't know if it is necessarily true, but it is a great compliment. I like to think that I have given back to the community," Rodriguez said during an AP interview.

Rodriguez said he has been connected to the museum, which promotes Latino, Caribbean and Latin American art, for many years. It also offers youth programs to provide young people access to education. "I am always so proud of what they have done for the community — for New York, for Latinos and beyond the Latino world, for so many unprivileged children, families — with outreach programs," he said.

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On the Web



Montreal Fashion Week finds a new home at contemporary art complex



Vivienne Westwood: 'I prefer freedom fighter'

Sustainable style. In Westwood's world, it's not about Earth Day. She'd rather you celebrate Earth Year instead. We discuss.

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News in London

When did you first become conscious of the environment and our impact on it?

For a couple of decades I've been really upset about the problem of climate change, and I couldn't bear the idea that we're still cutting down the rainforests. I just couldn't believe that the statistics were getting worse, not better. And then I read an inter-

view with James Lovelock. He is a genius, the scientist who launched the 'Gaia' Theory.

Gaia is the name the Greeks gave to the earth goddess. James Lovelock thinks we are too late to stop climate change and that by the end of this century there will be only 1 billion people left. Fortunately! The consensus among almost all scientists is that we have now only up to 2020 to do something — eight more years.

And it's important for Americans to know that the [people who deny that climate change exists] are few but they are well-funded and well-publicized.

Do you consider yourself an environmental activist?

A name I prefer is 'freedom fighter.' I've got a voice because I've got a lot of credibil-

ity as a fashion designer. So I have been using my fashion for the last five or so years as a medium.

I use slogans and graphics in lots of my designs. I also give my fashion shows titles related to saving the planet or climate change, like Plus Five Degrees. Plus five degrees is uninhabitable, it looks good on a T-shirt and promotes awareness.

What would you say to people who view your fighting to save the planet and reduce consumption from the helm of a global fashion empire as being contradictory?

My aim is quality, not quantity. Timeless clothes that last, for people who make choices and don't just consume. For people who can't afford my clothes, I hope to

provide a standard of good design, which will help them to choose clothes that will suit them.

What are some changes that you've made in your own life to live in a more sustainable, ecologically-minded way?

I ride a bicycle for convenience and I'm a person who doesn't like to waste things. I never waste food, for example. I was brought up after the war, so I'm used to not wasting.

I also don't eat meat. I'm a very privileged person, living in this part of the world, so I can make choices and my preferred food really is just fruit and vegetables. You don't need other food. This is optimum health. Once you get into it, nothing else tastes so good.

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Buy less. "Buy less, choose well and make it last. I really do think that people should exercise choice and not just consume without thought — sucking up stuff all the time, one thing after another."

Experience art. "Go to the art galleries. The art lover is not consuming. He invests in the present world by engaging with the genius of the past. 'You get out what you put in,' is my motto."

Read. "Read. The best fashion accessory is a book."

Get cooking. "Buying and preparing your own food is to engage with the world. It gives you a sense of reality."

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The man bracelet

Men's jewelry has never been trendier, especially the bracelet.

We hear from the man dubbed 'The King of Cufflinks' why it's suddenly cool for a guy to layer on the arm candy.

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News in London

Male jewelry used to be the mainstay of the gap-year student, wayward teens and counter-culture types like punks and rockers. Then the metrosexual and a certain David Beckham came along and changed everything. Now, you're just as likely to see a stack of colourful bracelets on the arm of an off-duty investment banker as a bohemian.

"Stars made it acceptable," says Robert Tateossian, whose eponymous global jewelry line is helping to fuel the trend. He recalls the Livestrong charity-band craze, which made the idea of arm adornment more acceptable.

The retail world may be slow to catch on, however.

"A lot of retail buyers around the world still stick to their credo of 'Men do not wear bracelets,'" Tateossian

Stack 'em high



- Go "more is more" like the one-man fashion spectacle, blogger Bryan Boy. It's a cool way to turn your wrist into a serious fashion statement with a mix of colours and textures.

admits. But he's seen his sales increase between 10 to 20 per cent year on year.

We round up four of the most popular styles.



Miansai

Utility rope with hook
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Eddie Borgo

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\$350, eddieborgo.com



Robert Tateossian

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If there's one style tip to take from this guy, it's to go bold. He's making a statement — from the pink waffle knit to the slouchy, heavily cuffed trousers. And all capped off with retro Nike sneakers, a must this season.

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Straight talk. Hair Kit assistant Jamie Lincoln returns to assess four more blow-dacious products

THE KIT

Revlon Professional's Equave 2-Phase Hydro Nutritive Conditioner for Dry, Colored, Permed or High-lighted Hair

A few sprays of this to damp hair added a much-needed dose of moisture and shine. \$17, revlonprofessional.com

Rowenta Beauty Infini Pro Auto Sensor Professional Ionic Ceramic Dryer

I have had a long relationship with my hairdryer, so I was skeptical to try the Rowenta Beauty dryer,

but there's a reason it's so heavy: it works.

The force of the air dried my hair in half the time, which ensured it was super-sleek and straight.

And the auto-off feature meant it was easier to maneuver it and my round brush (which I normally can't be bothered with), so I didn't even need to straighten my hair afterward.

My entire time in the bathroom was cut in half. \$219, rowenta.com

Matrix's Total Results Moisture Cure 2-Phase Treatment

Just a few spritzes to damp hair treated my

entire head, so that post-blown-dry, it looked silky and shiny — but still moveable. \$15, matrix-canada.ca

Revlon Professional's Pre Tools Defender

After blow-drying, I sectioned off my dry and super-puffy hair and applied a few light sprays of Thermal Protector to each area



before flat-ironing. The results were beautiful—my pin-straight hair looked healthy, shiny and split-end free. \$20, revlonprofessional.com

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Red-Curry Chicken Noodles



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's red, but it isn't red hot. And that's why red-curry paste is the sort of curry the average Canadian is going to love.

Curry pastes — which are used in Thai, Indonesian, Malaysian and Indian cooking — combine dry spices with ground fresh herbs and roots, garlic, chilies and other ingredients to form thick pastes. These often are classified by colour.

Green-curry paste, for example, is a fiery Thai blend that combines green chilies, lemon grass, garlic, shrimp paste and kaffir lime leaves. It usually is blended with coconut milk to season beef, pork and chicken.

Yellow-curry paste is a bit milder and usually sports garlic, lemon grass, galangal, cumin, cinnamon and turmeric. It's popular for adding to soups.

But the most versatile and widely used is red-curry paste, a mash of red chilies, coriander roots and leaves, shrimp paste, lemon grass, garlic, shallots and galangal.

It's got some kick, but it

Ingredients

- 12-oz package fresh fettuccine pasta
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large yellow onion, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, cored and diced
- 14-oz can coconut milk
- 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 tbsp red-curry paste (more or less to taste)
- Meat from a 1 1/2-lb. rotisserie chicken
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 lime, quartered

won't sear your mouth. It's used with everything from chicken, duck and beef to pork and shrimp. And it lands in everything from stews, curries and soups to dressings, marinades and condiments.

Conveniently, red-curry paste also is the easiest variety to find at the local grocer. It usually is packed in small glass jars or cans and can be found in the Asian section. Once opened, the remainder can be

refrigerated for months.

Here, it's used to make Red Curry Chicken Noodles.

1. Bring saucepan of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook according to package directions. Drain and set aside.

2. Meanwhile, in a large sauté pan over medium-high, heat the olive oil. Add the onion and bell pepper, then sauté until tender, about 10 minutes. Add the coconut milk and red curry paste. Stir until the curry paste and coconut milk are smooth, then bring to a simmer.

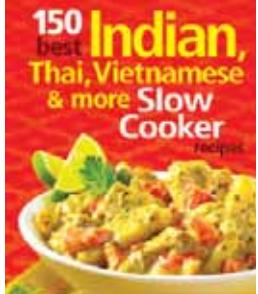
3. Chop or pull the chicken meat into bite-size chunks, then add to the coconut milk mixture. Toss well to coat evenly. If the meat is cold, return to a simmer. Stir in the cilantro.

4. Serve the pasta topped with the chicken. Alternatively, add the drained pasta to the pan with the chicken and toss to mix. Just before serving, squeeze a bit of lime juice over each plate.

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Cookbook of the Week

150 Best Indian, Thai, Vietnamese & More Slow Cooker Recipes



Slow cookers and curries go well together, and that's the idea behind Sunil Vijayakar's latest book.

The release boasts recipes with ingredients you'll easily find at your local grocer. There are also creative twists on accompaniments along with slow cooker know-how such as preparing various types of food for the slow cooker.

Among the recipes are Bangkok Sour Pork Curry, Sticky Jasmine Rice, Spiced Prawn and Pineapple Curry, Creamy Spinach and Tomato Dhal, and more. METRO

Potatoes, chickpeas meet curry

On busy weeknights, we take our dinner shortcuts wherever we can find them. But this doesn't require sacrificing healthy home cooking.

Make smart choices — as in this recipe for red curry potatoes and chickpeas — and you can have a great from-scratch dinner on the table in under 30 minutes.

To make the meal even more substantial, add the meat from a rotisserie chicken at the same time as the potatoes.

1. In a microwave-safe bowl, combine potatoes and water. Microwave on High for about 5 minutes or until potatoes are almost cooked.

2. In a dry skillet set over medium heat; toast cumin and cinnamon for 1 minute. Add coconut milk and curry paste, then bring to a simmer.

3. Add chickpeas and red onion, and return to a simmer.

4. Add potatoes to pan and toss to combine. Cover and

reduce heat to low; simmer for 12 minutes.

5. Stir in the cilantro, vinegar, salt and pepper. Sprinkle with green onions to serve.
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Ingredients

- 3 large Yukon gold potatoes, cut into 2.5-cm (1-inch) chunks
- 1 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) water
- 5 ml (1 tsp) each ground cumin and cinnamon
- 1 can (398 ml/14 oz) coconut milk
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Thai red-curry paste
- 1 can (540 ml/19 oz) chickpeas, drained
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Grab a seat for Patio Saison

Beau's All Natural Brewing. Newest release is well worth the wait — just in time for spring



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Beer pairing

Brewmaster Matthew O'Hara recommends pairing with creamy cheeses, summer sausage and artisanal rye or sourdough breads. So find a patio and a picnic basket variety of pub delicacies for a perfect afternoon outing.

After a bit of a summer tease in March, many of us were convinced that when Beau's All Natural Brewing had decided to launch its newest Wild Oats Series beer on the first day in April, where the weather forecast was 18 C or higher, that you could almost guarantee having one on a patio.

Well, Mother Nature had other ideas and, thankfully, after a short delay, Beau's was able to declare "Patio Saison" on April 14 here in Ottawa and the beautiful weather wasn't the only thing that had us smiling that day.

Not only is "saison" the literal French translation of the word "season," it is also a celebrated style of beer perfectly suited to warm weather enjoyment.

With roots dating back a few hundred years to the French speaking region of Wallonia in Belgium, the busy farmers would brew beer in the colder months, which were better suited for fermentation in these pre-

refrigeration days. The beer would then be cellared until it was ready to be served in the summer months to the hard-working seasonal labourers working long hours in the hot sun, who would develop a huge thirst. Brewed in one season and served in another, these farmhouse ales became well-known for their restorative charms and being an excellently refreshing choice to be served with food.

Beau's Patio Saison (5.9 per cent alcohol by volume) pours the colour of a beautiful, hazy golden sunset with a fluffy, white cloud-like head into a pint glass. The spicy Belgian yeast aromas tingle in the nose with citrus, floral

and white pepper. The tastes of slightly spicy and sweet yeast, cloves, lemon, orange, banana, grass and fruity malts are interesting and engaging with a fresh, spritz, tart and slightly bitter mouth feel and lingering dry yeast finish. Brewmaster Matthew O'Hara recommends pairing with creamy cheeses, summer sausage and artisanal rye or sourdough breads. So find a patio and a picnic basket variety of pub delicacies for a perfect afternoon outing. À votre santé!

Patio Saison is available for a limited time only on tap only at select locations across southern Ontario. See beaus.ca for complete listings.



Karolyne happily declares the arrival of Patio Saison at Irene's Pub.
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Veg Fest. Plant yourself at fourth annual festival

The fourth annual Ottawa Veg Fest is back this Sunday at the Glebe Community Centre to inform and fill your belly with delicious vegetarian and vegan foods from more than 30 exhibitors. Veg Fest has expanded its guest speaker space

and introduced a 31-day vegan challenge to anyone curious about herbivore lifestyle.

Among the vegan BLTs from Gypsy and Company and chili-chocolate B. Goods cookies, visitors should forget about any tofu stigmas.

"When you open yourself up to this sort of eating it broadens people's range of tastes," says National Capital Vegetarian Association president Josh Flowers. "Expect really great food."

Entrance is free.

Some of the vegetarian restaurants that are expected to attend include Zen Kitchen, The Table, and Auntie Loo's Treats.

For more, see ncva.ca/eng/ottawa-veg-fest-12/.

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**Tulip Festival,
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As bright and cheery as a bouquet of pink tulips, try the Perrin Reserve Rose (\$15.95, +719062) to welcome this year's edition of the Tulip Festival.

This wine is an annual fixture at Vintages for the warmer months and is always a solid value. Hailing from the southern Rhone Valley in France, it's bursting with red berry flavours and bright acidity to wake up your taste

buds for spring. Available at Vintages Saturday.

Cinco de Mayo, May 5:

Literally, May 5, Cinco de Mayo is an American holiday that celebrates Mexican heritage in the United States, where those of Mexican ancestry are the backbone of the wine industry, particularly in California. Salute their hard work with Summers Andriana's Cuvee Cabernet Sauvignon (\$26.95, +275719). The wine is a delicious blend of estate and purchased grapes from a number of vineyards in the Knight's Valley region of Sonoma County, California. Available at Vintages Saturday. **ALLYSON BYCRAFT**

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Kenwood Cooking Chef

The appliance world is buzzing about this kitchen machine that cooks and stirs at the same time with an induction-cooking feature. Beat, whisk, blend, process, grind and juice with the attachments. It's arriving in fall 2012 with a price of \$2,000 at department and specialty stores across Canada. Kenwood-World.com



De'Longhi Lattissima Plus

Works with the Nespresso Coffee Capsule System and includes a milk container for lattes and cappuccinos — all with a simple push of a button. The milk container can be refrigerated when not in use and the illuminated controls make selecting your drink choice simple. It's one of the best-priced machines of its kind at \$399. Nespresso.com

Brevill's Smart Oven

One of the most-used cooking appliances is the toaster oven. The Smart Oven BOV800XL heats from 120-500 F, with a convection fan for fast and easy baking (which reduces cooking time by 30 minutes). It automatically adjusts the heat for an exact cooking process. \$330, The Bay, Breville.ca



Cuisinart Professional Food Slicer

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Five easy ways to green your home

We asked James Kleyla, a renovations expert at Home Depot in the U.S., for easy home-improvement projects that anyone — even hammer-averse you — can do to help out Mother Earth. Bonus: You'll save huge on your bills, too

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Install new light bulbs

Trade in your incandescents for the more energy-efficient compact fluorescent, LED or halogen bulbs. "They use so much less energy, up to one-eighth the energy compared to an incandescent bulb, so we're burning less oil and coal," Kleyla says. Another benefit? "They last so much longer."



Get the right thermostat

Installing a thermostat with a timer may ensure you're not running your central air conditioning when you're not home, which is great, but Kleyla asks why cycle your system at all if you're not there? It can save a considerable amount to turn it off completely when no one is in the house.



Change your air filters

Regarding your air conditioning and heating systems: "If you get a dirty filter in there, the air just doesn't circulate well," Kleyla says.



Invest in rechargeable tools

If you live outside the city, look into rechargeable battery garden tools instead of those that run on a noisy, inefficient two-cycle engine.

"How many times have you been trying to sleep in on a Sunday morning and all of a sudden you hear those two-cycle engines? They're coming out with new garden tools that are 18 volt, and they're rechargeable, so they (make) much less noise."



Replace your toilet

"You should try to switch out your old toilet as soon as possible because the old toilets use a lot more water than the newer toilets do," Kleyla says. It isn't the most glamorous of jobs, but you can do it without a plumber — if you want to, that is. "It can be done relatively easily, but oftentimes people want a plumber."

Online resources

- sierraclubgreenhome.com. Covers everything from energy audits to waste recycling.
- environment.nationalgeographic.com/environment/green-guide. Includes a home quiz to determine where you are leaking energy and eco-friendly TV buying tips.
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A view of fabrics from Missoni Home during Milan's Furnishing Accessories Exhibition. ANTONIO CALANNI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Design exhibits

A stroll through Milan during the fair revealed surprises at nearly every turn. At the Triennale Design Museum, acrobats performed amid design objects and percussionists filled the halls with dissonance.

- An exhibit of miniaturized chairs from the Vitra Design Museum was on display at the Hugo Boss San Babila boutique, from Ludwig Mies van der Rohe's Barcelona chair to Marcel Breuer's Wassily.
- Anyone with an iPhone could discover a virtual exhibit of impossible designs at five locations in Milan, including the piazza outside of La Scala.
- There, artist Denis Santachiara planted his notion of a design project that would never be realized: personalized urns. A client could order many small urns, creating small memorials with personalized inscriptions to leave to loved ones.

It's all about affordable quality at Milan fair

Furniture fair.

Designers showcased distinctive items to inspire, and technology to make life easier

Philippe Starck says his philosophy of democratic design, or quality pieces at accessible prices, is paying off in the ongoing economic crisis.

"People are intelligent. They want quality. They want a high level of creativity, but everyone (has) less money," Starck said during the Milan Furniture Fair, which ended Sunday.

The times favour the kind of creative impulse that led to his collaboration with the Italian design company Kartell, which specializes in plastic contemporary furniture.

In that mood, the mainstays of this year's Milan Furniture Fair were not about costly re-decorating. Instead, designers showcased a few pieces that inspire as well as technological advances to make life easier.

Starck presented Miss Less, a glossy-plastic chair formed on a slim backrest atop a square base, as well aluminum-candlestick holders that when placed together appear to be lost in an embrace called Abbracciaio.

Despite the crisis, which has seen Italian furniture revenues decrease by five per cent in 2011 from 2010, requests for space at the Rho Fairgrounds outside Milan outstripped availability, organizers said.

The event attracted 300,000 visitors with events that spill over into showrooms, museums and design spaces throughout the city.

And it's not just furniture-makers competing for the attention of the design community.

The Tumi luggage and accessories brand chose the event to create buzz around a new line of lightweight hard luggage designed by Israeli designer Dror Benshetrit. The sleek Dror collection features angular-cut surfaces, giving the pieces a modern esthetic that also employs an engineering trick to give added resistance.

In a more traditional vein, Knoll premiered a new line of contemporary lounge furniture that it commissioned from French designers Pierre Beucler and Jean-Christophe Poggioli, who brought an architect's sense of space to furniture design.

The pair created a cinematic collection of sofas, armchairs and chaise lounges. They spent months testing the cushions to get the correct firmness for the seats and softness for the backrests.

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A kitchen designed by Franke Home. ANTONIO CALANNI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A sofa from Edra Home at Milan's Furnishing Accessories Exhibition. ANTONIO CALANNI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Next time you're having a backyard barbecue or going mod with some new furniture, thank science.

Your salad spinner is made of the same sort of silicone rubber developed to make Neil Armstrong's moon boots. And those acrylic salad bowls and patio chairs?

Second World War fighter pilots needed safer canopies and Plexiglas was the answer.

Manufacturers of home goods are quick to adopt innovative materials and technology, and synthetics have long been a favourite. The newest ones are a designer's delight: they're malleable, strong, lightweight and take colour easily.

From a crafting standpoint, acrylics are easy to work with. Using heat, they can be stretched and moulded without losing clarity, and joints are heat fused rather than glued or screwed, which makes a finished piece virtually seamless.

Larry Abel and Raymond McCallister, designers for Palm Springs, Calif., run Art Style Innovation, a fun factory of whimsical takes on vintage and modern decor such as curvy acrylic vases and rippled bowls in neon hues.

Their playful acrylic bookends come in a variety of silhouettes including cats, roosters, dogs, flowers, and even a pair of shapely female legs. You'll find clear acrylic cube tables, too, in modern takes on classic architectural design (artstyleinnovation.com, \$35 and up).

Clear acrylic material works well in small spaces — entryways, boudoirs, small living rooms — because it's

nearly invisible. Designer Benjamin Noriega-Ortiz likes to use a milky-white acrylic for an ethereal quality (plexicraft.com, \$28).

Italian design powerhouse Kartell has frequently dominated the synthetic materials marketplace with "wow" factor pieces such as Philippe Starck's Louis Ghost chair and Ferruccio Laviani's Bourgie lamp. There's a range of colourful transparent pieces in the company's collection (allmodern.com, from \$73).

Kartell also has manufactured Starck's Bubble chair, a cartoonishly scaled piece that looks like an oversize upholstered chair but is made entirely out of polyethylene. It will survive indoors or out, and comes in several shades (allmodern.com, \$680).

San Francisco-based Bkr makes a glass water bottle with a silicone sleeve in hip shades like jet black, rocket

red, julep teal and space indigo. Bkr donates to cancer research as well as clean water projects in Africa (mybkr.com, \$28).

Lifefactory goes one step further in the category with not only an adult bottle, but baby bottles and sippy cups. The collection comes in cheerful hues like lemon, raspberry, lilac and spring green (lifefactory.com, \$14.99 and up).

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Neon acrylic vases by Art Innovation Style. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Colourful La Marie chairs by Kartell. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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- Whether it's a Kitchenaid blender in hot pink or a set of Rachael Ray's sunny-orange cookware, there's more colour in functional, synthetic-material gadgets than ever before.

- Flexible silicone has fans in fashion, where accessory designers love its pliability, colour friendliness and soft feel. The same characteristics make it big with kitchen and home designers, who also appreciate that it's dishwasher-friendly. Sky-blue spatulas, tangerine whisks — just about any kitchen tool can be found in a fun, friendly hue.



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FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Home keys

Tips. Ask plenty of questions and write down answers when buying your first home

PETER
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For Metro

Given that buying a home is the largest financial transaction most of us ever make, it's no surprise that it can be a complicated undertaking.

Before you start shopping, make sure to do your research. Set aside lots of time to consult with experts such as bankers and mortgage brokers, real estate agents and lawyers. Ask plenty of questions and write down the answers you receive. That way, you will have the information you need to make the right decision.

How much house can I afford?

Buying a first house is definitely a reality check. Before you start considering neighbourhoods and looking at homes, it's crucial to establish a price range. You will need a minimum down payment of five per cent of the house's purchase price (on a \$400,000 home, that's \$20,000). The general rule is: The more money you put down, the less you will have to spend on mortgage and insurance payments.

Start by making a budget

Calculate how much you currently spend each month on everything: Rent, food, insurance, loan payments, taxes, travel and entertainment.

Make a list of your assets (savings, vehicles, property), as well as your current and projected salary. Then make a few appointments with bankers and mortgage brokers; they will help you figure out an affordable price range. Pay close attention to interest rates; a difference of only a quarter point (e.g. three per cent versus 3.25 per cent) can quickly add up to thousands of dollars. If you have been wise enough to invest in a registered retirement savings plan (RRSP), consider the federal government's Home Buyers' Plan. Under the plan, you may withdraw up to \$25,000 from an RRSP to invest in your first home. There is no tax penalty if you pay the money back within 15 years.

House shopping

When it comes to house shopping, research is your best friend. Start with you and your partner: where would you like to live? If you commute, how far are you willing to live from your workplace? What home features are most important to you (garage, yard, home office, ensuite bathroom)? Can you handle house repairs and renovations? Be honest: For most couples, buying a home is a stressful experience.

Once you have an idea of what you are looking for, decide whether to shop on your own or with a real estate agent. A good agent will save you much time and effort.



Buying a first house can be a reality check, but by following some basic guidelines it may make the process less complicated. MONKEY BUSINESS/THINKSTOCK

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Market roundup

Metro goes coast to coast with a market-by-market analysis of what you can buy for \$300,000 to \$350,000 in Canada today.

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Halifax

A brand new 2,412-square-foot home located three minutes from the downtown bridge in the desirable Willow Ridge subdivision. Asking price is \$336,900. This spectacular R-2000, two-storey home is finished on all three levels. Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a seven-year new home warranty from Whitestone builders. Listing agent Larry Foran says it's just a great subdivision.

Listing: Keller Williams Realty, brokerage



Ottawa

A three-bedroom, four-storey end unit townhouse with almost 1,900 square feet, including finished basement and four bathrooms. Asking price is \$342,500. Built in 2005, the unit features hardwood flooring throughout. Listing agent Michel Brissette says there have been quite a few upgrades on this unit, including a large deck and backyard shed.

Listing: Exit Realty Matrix, brokerage



Toronto

This bright and spacious three-year-old, two-storey Humber Summit townhouse is located on Islington Avenue. Asking price is \$339,900 plus \$179 monthly maintenance fees. With two bedrooms, two bathrooms, featuring hardwood floors and open-concept kitchen, granite countertops and limestone flooring. Listing agent Andreia Oliveira says you can still find a home in Toronto for less than \$500,000.

Listing: Royal LePage Supreme Realty, brokerage

Edmonton

A three-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bathroom house in southeast Edmonton's Charlesworth community asking \$345,000. Built in 2006, the 1,500-square-foot home features a master bedroom with four-piece ensuite and walk-in closets, upper-level laundry, kitchen with walk-in pantry and island, gas fireplace and double garage on a quiet street.

Listing: Century 21 A.L.L. Stars Realty, brokerage



London, Ont.

This one just sold at press time. Asking price was \$324,900 and it sold for \$329,000 with three offers. A three-bedroom home in one of the most sought after areas of north London. Fully-fenced yard with deck and hot tub. Finished basement, gas fireplace and double-car garage.

Listing: RE/MAX Centre City Realty, brokerage

Winnipeg

A unique condo conversion in the Exchange district in the northern part of the city. Asking price is \$329,000. Bill Thiessen specializes in downtown properties and says the building is occupied by an interesting and eclectic mix of savvy urbanites. This 1,279-square-foot suite is in the stylish Travellers Building. Ensuite laundry, open-concept design, wood floors and designer lighting.

Listing: RE/MAX Performance Realty, brokerage



Calgary

A modernist two-bedroom, 1,070-square-foot condo in the Sole Vista in Renfrew, within walking distance to downtown. Asking price is \$329,900. With two bedrooms and two bathrooms, the unit features nine-foot ceilings, a parking spot, gas fireplace, ensuite laundry and sunny south patio. Listing agent Jeff Neustaedter says the Calgary condo market has been strong this spring.

Listing: RE/MAX House of Real Estate, brokerage



Regina

An immaculate three-plus-one bedroom, three-bathroom, 1,288-square-foot home located in the lower mid-north-west of the city. Asking price was \$349,900 and it just sold at press time on the same day it was listed. Bath and laundry room on main floor. Second floor has four-piece bath and three bedrooms. Basement features large family room, bedroom and 3/4 bath.

Listing: RE/MAX Joyce Tourney Realty, brokerage

Vancouver

Houses are scarce in Canada's most expensive city. This one-bedroom, one-bathroom, 598-square-foot condominium is located in desirable South Granville, just 10 minutes from Granville Island Market. At press time the unit sold for \$10,000 above the asking price of \$329,000 with six offers. Listing agent Stephen Burke says it is a well-priced property in a great area, good for first-time buyers.

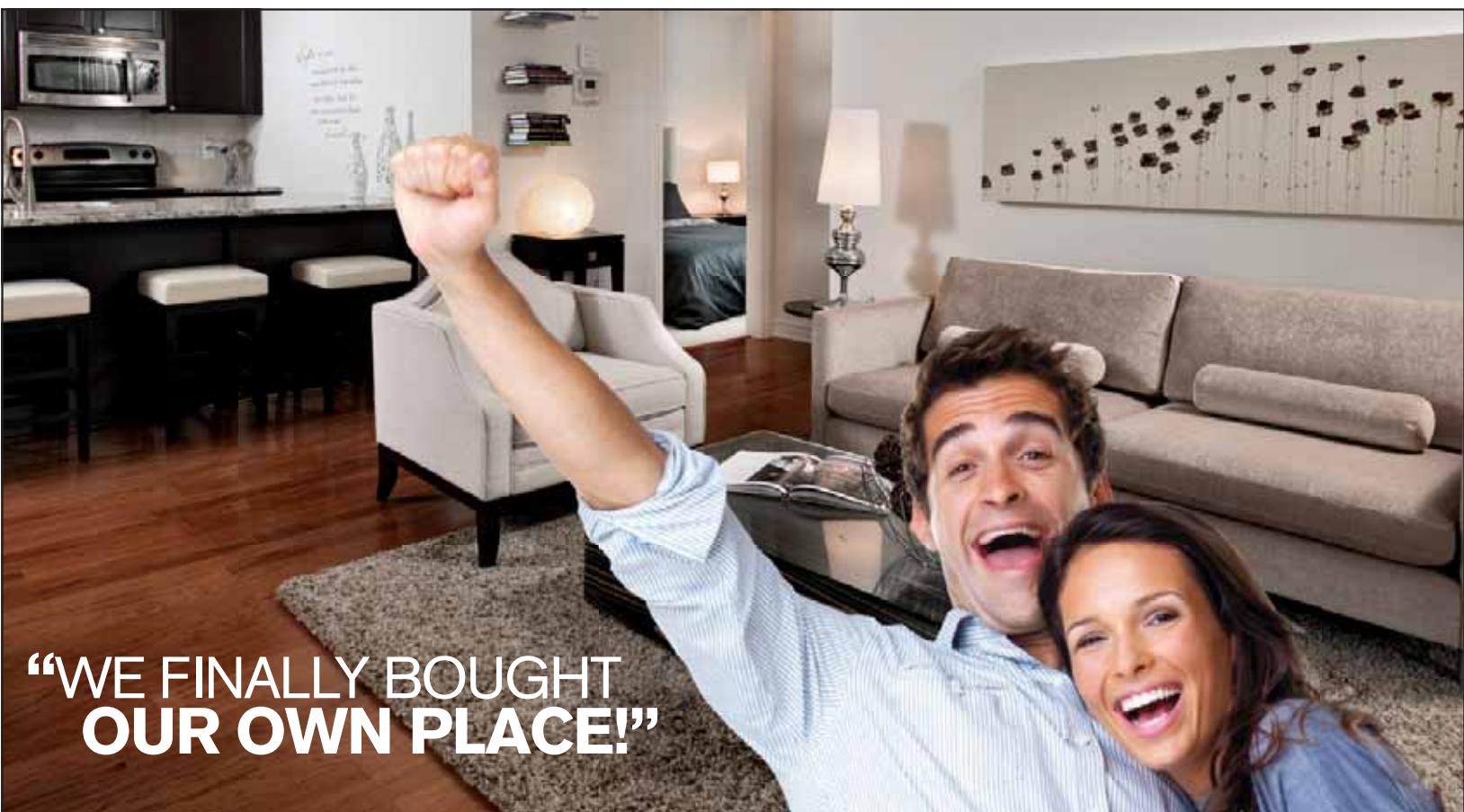
Listing: Sutton Group West Coast Realty, brokerage



Saskatoon

Located right in the city, this five-bedroom 1,203-square-foot corner lot home near Westmount is perfect for a young family. Asking price is \$308,500. Features finished basement, euro kitchen, central vacuum and double concrete driveway. Close to schools and park, walk to downtown.

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SPORTS

Senators

Ottawa at New York
7 p.m.
(CBC)

The Senators travel to New York for Game 7 against the Rangers. Rookie Chris Kreider scored his first NHL goal in his fourth game on Monday as the Rangers won 3-2 to force tonight's deciding game. Daniel Alfredsson was held off the scoresheet in his first game back from a concussion. Brian Boyle (concussion) is likely out for Wednesday's game. Jason Spezza and Brad Richards are tied for the series points lead with five each.

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NHL awards

Lundqvist headlines Vezina finalists

Henrik Lundqvist of the New York Rangers, Jonathan Quick of the Los Angeles Kings and Pekka Rinne of the Nashville Predators are the finalists for the NHL's Vezina Trophy for best goaltender. The league announced the finalists Wednesday. The winner will be announced June 20 at the NHL awards ceremony in Las Vegas.

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On the web



The role of the closer typically comes with a pay bump in the bullpen, but could it also be considered danger pay? Getting the final three outs is taking its toll as seven closers have spent time on the disabled list already in the young MLB season. Scan the code for the story.

Senators look to make their own luck in Game 7

NHL. It's win or go golfing as Senators travel to New York to try to achieve upset of Rangers

He's never won a Game 7 in the Stanley Cup playoffs and Daniel Alfredsson thinks his Ottawa Senators are long overdue.

Alfredsson and the Sens are looking to extend their season Thursday as they take on the New York Rangers in Game 7 of their Eastern Conference quarter-final series.

Ottawa has an 0-for-4 franchise record in Game 7s and Alfredsson, who has never played for another NHL team, is ready to put an end to that losing streak.

"There's no better time than (Thursday)," said Alfredsson. "Every year is different, every group is different. There's so many stats you can pay attention to, but I've said this group has been resilient all year long and we're looking for one more effort here from everybody and if we get that we'll keep playing."

The game could be notable for more than who advances to the next round. Alfredsson has hinted in the past that he might be playing in his final playoffs, making his appearance at Madison Square Garden possibly the last time the 39-year-old captain suits up for the Senators.

But Alfredsson and the Senators will have plenty of confidence heading into New York, having already won two out of three games on the Rangers' home ice.

After squandering the op-



Ottawa's Craig Anderson and Daniel Alfredsson of the Ottawa Senators defend the net in Game 1 against the Rangers. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES FILE

By the numbers

3-24

A better power play will be key if Ottawa wants to play in the second round. The Sens went 1-for-5 in Game 6 and are 3-for-24 in the series.

portunity to win the series Monday night, goaltender Craig Anderson believes his teammates will give it all they have Thursday.

"We have to lay everything out there because there is no tomorrow," said Anderson. "We have an opportunity to do something great and keep

Spotty Rangers record

Home teams were only 17-28 in first-round Game 7s heading into Game 7 of the Boston-Washington series on Wednesday night.

- The Rangers have gone 3-0 in Game 7s at home but are just 3-5 overall.
- They haven't hosted a Game 7

since 1994 when they had back-to-back winner-take-all games in the conference finals and Stanley Cup finals.

- The Rangers lost their last Game 7, losing to Washington in the first round of the 2009 playoffs after leading the series 3-1.

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Senators played some of their best hockey away from Scotiabank Place with a 21-14-6 away record.

"We've had some success in New York and played some good hockey there," said centre Zack Smith. "We've faltered a bit at home and I don't know if it's nerves or being a little bit anxious, but we've usually been solid on the road."

"One of the sayings is you play a simple road game, which is basically nothing pretty. Get pucks deep to the net and score some greasy goals, not pretty ones, and I think that's the style we've played on the road. It's worked for us so far."

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pushing forward.... If we have everyone working together and we lay it all out there, we can look at ourselves in the mirror at the end and say we gave it our all regardless of the result.

"But obviously we'd like to win."

For most teams playing on the road wouldn't likely be the first choice, but this season the

Pressure back on Rangers in series finale



THE HOCKEY NEWS
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You need just one word to sum up Game 6 of the compelling Senators-Rangers first round playoff series: Frustration.

Daniel Alfredsson, after being checked by the Rangers' John Mitchell and being kept off a third-period power play, uncharacteristically blew a gasket, with an Easton Synergy stick and a helpless water bottle receiving the brunt of his rage. Jason Spezza, Milan Michalek and Erik Karlsson also rode the pine for several shifts in the final

frame. Coach Paul MacLean expressed displeasure at his club's haziness. "You have to have focus to lose it," MacLean said.

It didn't stop there. The frustration level reached a heightened pitch several feet down the hall, with the usually laid-back Henrik Lundqvist letting his feelings get the better of him. He told everyone within earshot that league officials were a "joke" after they allowed a controversial late goal to stand. Coach John Tortorella used his post-game conference to expound that his team was being portrayed in a negative light, but then refused to elaborate when pressed.

Quoted

"One thing the Senators must do is keep their emotions in check and stay out of the penalty box.... The Rangers' power play was the difference in Game 6, accounting for two goals in a 3-2 win."

Yes, there's nothing like the NHL playoffs to incite hard feelings, mayhem and perhaps some showmanship.

But with the series tied 3-3, Sens fans have just one question on their minds: Can their team win Game 7 in New York? It depends on which history you put more stock in. The Senators are 0-4 all-time in seventh and deciding

games. However, they are 4-1 at MSG this season, including two of three playoff games.

The Senators have held their own against the Rangers. After six games, each team has netted 12 goals. Craig Anderson has matched Lundqvist save for save.

One thing that the Senators must do is keep their emotions in check and stay

out the penalty box. The league's second-most penalized club is giving the Rangers an average of five power plays per game to their four. The Rangers' power play was the difference in Game 6, accounting for two goals in a 3-2 win.

The key to this particular Senators club is its ability to bounce back from a tough loss, something teams past were unable to do, especially in the post-season.

Being a No. 1 seed, the pressure is squarely on the Rangers. The Senators were not expected to make the playoffs and have nothing to lose. They're playing with "house money." And that is one bet that I would money on.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	10	7	.588	—
Baltimore	10	7	.588	—
Tampa Bay	10	7	.588	—
New York	10	7	.588	—
Boston	6	10	.375	3½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	9	6	.600	—
Detroit	10	7	.588	—
Chicago	10	8	.556	½
Minnesota	5	13	.278	5½
Kansas City	3	14	.176	7

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	14	4	.778	—
Oakland	10	10	.500	5
Seattle	8	10	.444	6
Los Angeles	6	11	.353	7½

Yesterday's results

Oakland 5 Chicago White Sox 4 (14 inn.)

Kansas City at Cleveland

Seattle at Detroit

Toronto at Baltimore

L.A. Angels at Tampa Bay

N.Y. Yankees at Texas

Boston at Minnesota

Tuesday's results

Baltimore 2 Toronto 1

Seattle 7 Detroit 4

Texas 2 N.Y. Yankees 0

Oakland 2 Chicago White Sox 0

Tampa Bay 5 L.A. Angels 0

Cleveland 4 Kansas City 3

Boston 11 Minnesota 2

Today's games

All times Eastern

Kansas City (Mendoza 0-2) at Cleveland

(Tomlin 1-1), 12:05 p.m.

Seattle (Nees 1-2) at Detroit (Porcello 1-1), 1:05 p.m.

L.A. Angels (Williams 1-1) at Tampa Bay (Moore 0-1), 1:10 p.m.

Toronto (Hutchison 1-0) at Baltimore (Matusz 2-0), 7:05 p.m.

Boston (Doubrodt 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Huber 1-0), 8:10 p.m.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	13	4	.765	—
Atlanta	11	7	.611	2½
New York	9	8	.529	4
Philadelphia	9	10	.474	5
Miami	7	9	.438	5½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	12	7	.632	—
Milwaukee	9	10	.474	3
Cincinnati	8	9	.471	3
Pittsburgh	8	10	.444	3½
Houston	7	12	.368	5
Chicago	6	13	.316	6

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	13	5	.722	—
San Francisco	9	8	.529	3½
Colorado	9	9	.500	4
Arizona	5	13	.278	8
San Diego	5	13	.278	8

Yesterday's results

St. Louis 5 Chicago Cubs 1

Houston 7 Milwaukee 5

Colorado 2-1 Pittsburgh 5

Philadelphia 7 Arizona 2

Washington at San Diego

Miami at N.Y. Mets

San Francisco at Cincinnati

Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers

Tuesday's results

Atlanta 4 L.A. Dodgers 3

Philadelphia 8 Arizona 5

Cincinnati 9 San Francisco 2

Milwaukee 9 Houston 6

Washington 3 San Diego 1

Pittsburgh 5 Colorado 4

Chicago Cubs 3 St. Louis 2 (10 inn.)

N.Y. Mets 2 Miami 1

Tuesday's games

All times Eastern

San Francisco (Vogelsong 0-1) at Cincinnati (Bailey 1-2), 12:35 p.m.

Atlanta (Brodeur 1-0) at San Diego (Volkov 0-2), 1:10 p.m.

Washington (E.Jackson 1-1) at San Diego (Volkov 0-2), 10:05 p.m.

NL LEADERS

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Kemp LAD	18	66	18	30	.455
Posey SF	14	51	8	19	.373
DWright NYM	14	52	6	19	.365
Furcal STL	18	72	10	25	.347
Altuve Hou	17	64	9	22	.344
McCutchen Pgh	16	62	9	21	.339
Lind 1b	17	71	9	24	.338
Sandoval SF	17	69	13	23	.333
DanMurphy NYM	17	66	5	22	.333
Pierre Pha	16	54	4	18	.333
Runs — Kemp, LA; Mellis, LA; Hart, Mil, 14; Headley, SD, 14; Beltran, StL; 13; DeJesus, Chi, 13; Sandoval, SF; 13; Schafe, Hou, 15; Altuve, Hou, 15; J.Martinez, Hou, 15; RBI — Ethier, LA, 22; Kemp, LA, 22; Freeman, AtL, 15; Freese, STL, 15; J.Martinez, Hou, 15; Headley, SD, 13; LaRoche, Wash, 13; Sandoval, SF, 13; CYoung, Arz, 13.					
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Briere, Pgh	5	3	8
McDonald, STL	4	4	8
Crosby, Pgh	3	5	8
Malkin, Pgh	3	5	8
Berglund, STL	3	4	7

Last night's game not included

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS

(Best-of-7 series)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. RANGERS (1) VS. OTTAWA (8)

(Series tied 3-3)

Tonight's game

Ottawa vs. N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

BOSTON (2) VS. WASHINGTON (7)

(Series tied 3-3)

Last night's result

Washington at Boston

FLORIDA (3) VS. NEW JERSEY (6)

(Series tied 3-3)

Tuesday's result

New Jersey 3 Florida 2 (OT)

Tonight's game

New Jersey at Florida, 8:30 p.m.

PITTSBURGH (4) VS. PHILADELPHIA (5)

(Philadelphia wins 4-2)

Wednesday's result

Philadelphia 5 Pittsburgh 4

Tuesday's result

Philadelphia 5 Pittsburgh 4

CONFERENCE SEMI-FINALS

(Best-of-7 series)

WESTERN CONFERENCE

VANCOUVER (1) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)

(Los Angeles wins 4-1)

ST.LOUIS (2) VS. SAN JOSE (7)

(St. Louis wins 4-1)

PHOENIX (3) VS. CHICAGO (6)

(Phoenix wins 4-2)

NASHVILLE (4) VS. DETROIT (5)

(Nashville wins 4-1)

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ST.LOUIS (2) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)

(Schedule TBA)

PHOENIX (3) VS. NASHVILLE (4)

(Schedule TBA)

x — if necessary.

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First Period

1. New Jersey, Bernier 2 (Carter, Harrold) 16:37

Penalties — None.

Second Period

2. New Jersey, Kovalchuk 3 (Zajac, Sykora) 4:21 (pp)

3. Florida, Versteeg 3 (Weiss, Kulikov

NBA. James says Heat's growing pains are gone

A year ago, it was all different. LeBron James calls it a transition phase, one where he was wrapped up in figuring out how his game was going to mesh with Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh in Miami.

The way James sees it, the Heat's growing pains are gone. And he hopes that means his annual championship quest will finally be fulfilled.

Driven by last season's loss to Dallas in the NBA finals — a series where he made seven field-goal attempts in 68 fourth-quarter

minutes — James and the Heat return to the post-season as the No. 2 seed on the Eastern Conference bracket. Their first-round opponent is still not determined, but their ultimate goal was determined long ago.

"I have to be who I am," James said in an interview with The Associated Press. "Last year was the biggest teacher. The greatest teacher in life is experience. And I had that last year. I'm back to being the person who can take over games. I have no problem taking over a game now." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Second Spanish football giant knocked out

Cristiano Ronaldo of Real Madrid reacts during a penalty shootout during the Champions League semifinal Wednesday in Madrid. Ronaldo had his penalty saved, and Bayern Munich beat Real Madrid 3-1 on penalties to secure its place against Chelsea in the Champions League final. **JASPER JUUNEN/GETTY IMAGES**

Tennis

Raonic advances in Barcelona

Canadian Milos Raonic defeated Russian Igor Andreev 6-4, 6-1 on Wednesday to reach the third round at the Barcelona Open.

The 11th seed from Thornhill, Ont., who often trains in the Catalan capital during the season, advances to meet sixth-seeded Spaniard Nicolas Almagro on Thursday.

"I feel my level improved a lot between my first match and this one," said Raonic. "I'm hitting the ball better and feeling well on the court."

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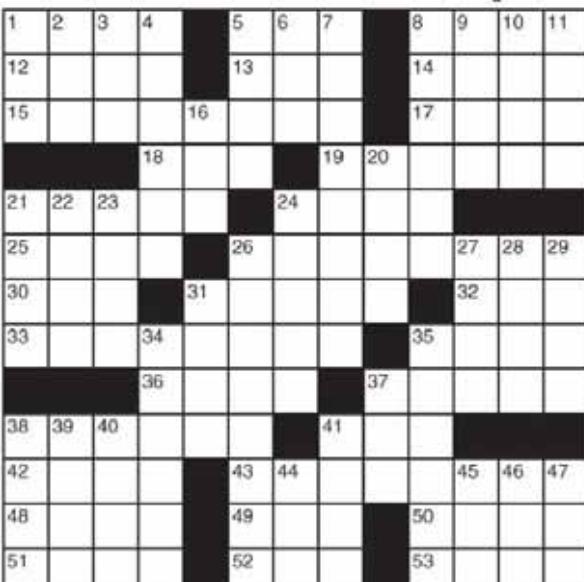
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Crossword

Across

1 Big bash
5 Caviar, basically
8 Bunch of cronies
12 Shakespeare's river
13 Author Fleming
14 A-line creator
15 Traveler's verification
17 Oppositionist
18 Humor
19 Sought prey
21 Taken for granted
24 Smooch
25 Hebrew month
26 Superintendent's ringful
30 Prepared
31 Judge, often
32 Right-turn command
33 Long-popular game show
35 Dove's home
36 Potter's oven
37 Washbowl
38 Docking area
41 Charged particle
42 Particular
43 Seder time
48 Daytime drama
49 Baltimore newspaper
50 Tablet
51 Agile
52 Small lizard
53 Sweet potatoes

Down
1 Hiatus
2 Ms. Gardner
3 Part of UCLA
4 Response
5 Laugh-a-minute
6 Scull tool
7 Filled with zeal
8 Polish port city
9 "— Misbehavein'"
10 Staff member?
11 Grating
16 Wrestling victory
20 Abbr. on old Asian maps
21 React in horror
22 Notion
23 Cisterns
24 Wee Scot
26 Slippage, to an anatomist
27 Cooperation barriers
28 Bigfoot's cousin
29 Spotted
31 Clone
34 Covering hardly anything
35 Awning
37 Derek and Diddley
38 "— Congeniality"
39 On
40 Bring up



41 "— It Romantic?"
44 Wiedersehen predece
45 By way of

46 Freddy's street
47 Literary monogram

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

MXCS KCQKIC BFC VEFYHSD
QS B FQIICF VQBYLCF,
VQEIN RQE YBR LXCRFC
YMCBFHSD EK BSN NQMS?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SHOULD A COMIC BOOK ABOUT SOME SUPER-POTENT BAKING STUFF GET TITLED "THE FANTASTIC FLOUR"?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals P

How to play

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Any doubts you have about a financial deal come from your subconscious mind, which is trying to warn you not to get involved.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Your imagination could get you into trouble today, especially on the work front.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Don't let anyone persuade you that you need to cut back on the many tasks you have set yourself.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Avoid signing up for group projects. You will do better soldiering on alone, at least for now.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Some people will be difficult to get along with today, not least because they are unsure of all the changes going on in your shared environment.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You may believe the best way to solve a problem is to scrap everything but that would be a waste of the time you have already invested.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20. You can no longer deny that you have been playing a role with which you no longer feel comfortable.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18. There will be disruption on the home front today, caused by a loved one's sense of grievance.

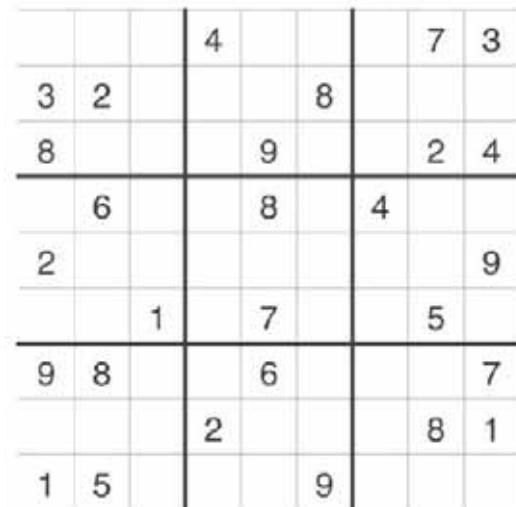
Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. If there is something important you need to say, make sure you choose your words carefully. Get to the point quickly too. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Common sense should tell you to be cautious today but as common sense is currently in limited supply, you probably won't listen.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You may be tempted to spend the day in your own private little bubble but let loved ones know.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Others will take what you say very seriously, even though to you it may be nothing more than a bit of fun.

Sudoku



Yesterday's Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.



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